

Roundtable on Competition Investigations & Merger Review in the Healthcare Industry

The School of Competition Law and Market Regulation, IICA, in collaboration with United States Federal Trade Commission had organised “**Roundtable on Competition Investigations & Merger Review in the Healthcare Industry**” on September 25, 2014 at Scope Complex, New Delhi. The roundtable was designed to sensitize the stakeholders and sought to provide them an interaction oriented environment where they had an opportunity to discuss competition issues with officials of regulatory authorities, experts and practising lawyers.

The roundtable was attended by 25 participants from various law firms, officials from national and international regulatory authorities.

During the roundtable the current legal and policy framework governing health care sector worldwide specifically India was discussed in detail including various policy instruments such as: Drug Policy Control Orders (DPCO), National pharmaceutical Policy, Indian Pharmaceutical Policy, the Indian Patent Regime, Competition Act, 2002 etc.

The programme started with the welcome address and brief description of the roundtable given by **Dr. Navneet Sharma**, Head, School of Competition Law and Market Regulation, IICA. **Ms. Lynda Lao**, Attorney, Mergers I Division, Bureau of Competition Federal Trade Commission, United States and **Mr. Steve Vieux**, Attorney, Health Care Division, Bureau of Competition Federal Trade Commission, United States discussed number of anticompetitive practices in the health care industry worldwide, including compulsory licensing in (IPR’s); abuse of competition norms arising from merger & acquisitions (M&A’s); and collusive and other anti-competitive practices. **Mr. Dhanendra Kumar**, Former Chairperson, Competition Commission of India (CCI) & Principal Advisor, IICA in his presiding remarks threw light upon various anticompetitive practices pervading the health care sector in India and how the same is being addressed by current legal and regulatory framework.