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The COVID-19 vaccination process comes with diverse pitfalls such as shortages and distribution delays. This contribution focuses on several legal instruments to enforce access to vaccines, specifically from three perspectives. First, this article analyses the consolidation of strong contract negotiations. In addition, compulsory licensing and other legal options under patent law and EU competition law will be explored. In conclusion, we will look at EU State aid law to efficiently (and legally) promote access to vaccines.

Google/Fitbit: the starting point for a revolution in merger remedies in digital markets? 297

The European Commission's clearance of the *Google/Fitbit* merger was a surprise, given the general reluctance to accept non-structural remedies in merger proceedings and as other regulators rejected Google's commitments. The European Commission's latest legislative project, the Digital Markets Act, might be the explanation for the unexpected green light and could set a new path for mergers in digital markets.

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This article critically assesses third party arbitration in the UK under the Brussels Recast Regulation 1215/2012, exploring whether it is sufficient for English courts to follow the Brussels Regulation rules to join two different proceedings in arbitration. The article concludes that there is an increasingly widespread use of arbitration as a means of settling competition law claims.

The pursuit of an anti-competitive outcome—restrictions of competition by object after GUK and Budapest Bank 316

This article explores the concept of a restriction of competition by object under art.101(1) TFEU and analyses the ECJ's approach to it in light of the judgments in *Generics UK* and *Budapest Bank*. It finds that the ECJ's interpretation seemingly makes a distinction between the co-ordination itself, the intrusion it pursues and its effects on the parameters of competition.

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With market integration being one of the fundamental objectives of the EU, the author through this piece seeks to balance this objective with the benefits of price differentiation under art.101(3) TFEU. This scenario, although similar to the case of *QC Leisure*, differs on the ground of such price differentiation accruing solely for the purpose of consumer benefits.

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