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Seminar

on

Trump Administration and Competition Law



Prof. Salil Mehra

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Professor Salil Mehra joined the Temple Law faculty in 2000. His research focuses on antitrust/competition law and technology.

Professor Mehra is a past Chair of the AALS Section on Antitrust and Economic Regulation, and is a non-governmental advisor to the International Competition Network. He is a former Abe Fellow of Japan's Center for Global Partnership and the Social Science Research Center.

Prior to his career with Temple Law, Professor Mehra clerked for Chief Judge Juan R. Torruella of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and then worked at the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, and then subsequently at the New York law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, where his practice included antitrust, first amendment, and takeover defense litigation.

Professor Mehra graduated with honors, *Order of the Coif*, from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was on the law review and was named an Olin Student Fellow. In 2016, Professor Mehra won the Temple University Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Date: 7th March, 2017, **Time:** 11:00 - 12:00
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Programme

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11:00 am - 11:05 am	Welcome Address Prof. Manveen Singh Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University
11:06 am - 11:40 am	Lecture on Trump Administration and Competition Law Prof. Salil Mehra, Director of the LL.M in Asian Law
11:41 am - 11:55 am	Questions & Answers
11:56 am - 12:00 pm	Vote of Thanks Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Bharadwaj Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University

Abstract

The surprising election of Donald Trump to the U.S. presidency has already brought significant changes to federal law enforcement. This talk will focus on the potential impact of President Trump's ascendancy on U.S. competition law enforcement. There are reasons both for and against the view that the Trump Administration will not bring major changes to competition law enforcement. In favor of the view that major change is not forthcoming, some observers note that Trump's appointees in the competition law field so far are not as radical departures from the norm as in other fields (e.g., national security, education and tax policy). Furthermore, American competition law has its set of institutional memory and processes grounded in economic theory that may push back on radical executive action. In contrast, Trump's own statements suggest he may wish to push action against Internet, media and telecommunications conglomerates, having specifically targeted Comcast Corp. (owner of NBC Universal), Time Warner (owner of CNN), and Amazon (whose CEO owns the Washington Post). In these areas, where non-economic concerns also abound, the future may be murkier.

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