



## Charles River Associates (CRA) Expands Its Antitrust & Competition Economics Practice

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BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 10, 2025-- [Charles River Associates](#) (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing [economic, financial, and management consulting services](#), today announced that [Dr. Alison Hole](#) has joined CRA as a Vice President in the Antitrust & Competition Economics Practice.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Hole to CRA," said [Paul Maleh](#), President and Chief Executive Officer of Charles River Associates. "Dr. Hole has more than 20 years of experience in antitrust economics and is a recognized expert in how government agencies analyze mergers and acquisitions and undertake antitrust conduct investigations. She joins a team that provides economic analysis and testimony in competition matters around the world, at a time when transactions are facing global scrutiny."

"In both regulatory and advisory capacities, Dr. Hole has worked at the highest levels of antitrust economics in Washington, London, and Brussels," said [Margaret Sanderson](#), CRA Vice President and Global Practice Leader of the Antitrust & Competition Economics Practice. "She brings a rare combination of multi-jurisdiction enforcement agency experience and global consulting expertise that is highly valued by clients. We are delighted to have Dr. Hole join our top-ranked global antitrust practice."

Prior to joining CRA, Dr. Hole served as the Deputy Director for Antitrust in the Bureau of Economics at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission for more than 10 years, overseeing hundreds of investigations, including merger reviews, across a wide range of industries. While at the FTC, Dr. Hole was an important member of the drafting team for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission's 2023 U.S. Merger Guidelines and 2010 U.S. Vertical Merger Guidelines.

In addition to her U.S. agency experience, Dr. Hole held the position of Chief Economist in the U.K. Competition Commission. Beyond her agency work, Dr. Hole has many years of experience in economic consulting having previously worked for a global economic consulting firm, rising to the level of Executive Vice President, with consulting assignments in Europe, the U.K. and U.S. Earlier, she held the role of Director at a litigation and business advisory firm.

Dr. Hole has an MSc in Econometrics and Mathematics and a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics.

### About CRA's Antitrust & Competition Economics Practice

CRA's competition economists provide economic analysis and testimony in competition matters around the world. Many have served in government antitrust agencies and are members of premier academic, economic, and law faculties. Their experience extends to many industries, including healthcare, energy, computer hardware/software, retailing, telecommunications, aerospace and defense, entertainment, transportation, natural resources, sports, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, financial services, and consumer products.

### About Charles River Associates (CRA)

Charles River Associates® is a leading global consulting firm specializing in [economic, financial, and management consulting services](#). CRA advises clients on economic and financial matters pertaining to litigation and regulatory proceedings, and guides corporations through critical business strategy and performance-related issues. Since 1965, clients have engaged CRA for its unique combination of functional expertise and industry knowledge, and for its objective solutions to complex problems. Headquartered in Boston, CRA has offices throughout the world. Detailed information about Charles River Associates, a registered trade name of CRA International, Inc., is available at [www.crai.com](http://www.crai.com). Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

### SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Statements in this press release concerning the addition of Dr. Alison Hole and the expansion of CRA's Antitrust & Competition Economics Practice, and any future business Dr. Hole may generate for CRA, are "forward-looking" statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon management's current expectations and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties. Information contained in these forward-looking statements is inherently uncertain, and actual performance and results may differ materially due to many important factors. Such factors that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from any forward-looking statements made by CRA include, among others: the failure to generate engagements for us; the potential loss of clients; the demand environment; global economic conditions; foreign exchange rate fluctuations; and intense competition. Additional potential factors that could affect our financial results are included in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those under the heading "Risk Factors." We cannot guarantee any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievement. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this press release, and we do not intend to do so.

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