



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW CHAIR APPOINTED TO THE JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**Martin Coleman, a senior lawyer with international experience in legal and regulation advice, has been appointed the new Chair of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA).**

Mr Coleman is an international expert in competition law and regulatory affairs. He is Panel Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) in the UK and has been a Non-Executive Director of the CMA Board since October 2017.

Mr Coleman was a partner in leading law firm Norton Rose Fulbright and head of its global competition and regulatory practice. He retired from the practice in 2017.

The current Chair of the JCRA, Stephanie Liston, is stepping down from the role at the end of June, after completing two terms of office, which began in 2020. Mr Coleman will take up the role in July and is attending Board Meetings as an observer to ensure a smooth transition.

**Deputy Kirsten Morel**, the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, has responsibility for competition policy in Jersey and said, “Effective competition policy and regulatory oversight are the bedrock of a healthy economy.

“I am delighted to welcome Martin Coleman as the new Chair of the JCRA . He is of the highest calibre and experience and will play a pivotal role, building on the strong foundations that his predecessor and her leadership team have put in place for the benefit of consumers in Jersey.

“In welcoming Martin to this important role, I must also acknowledge the work of Stephanie Liston as she steps down after six years of outstanding leadership and guidance. Stephanie took up her role in the wake of the Covid pandemic, at a time when economic recovery was paramount. With her excellent team, the JCRA has achieved significant successes and modernisation, and is acknowledged as one of the leading small nation regulators in the world.”

Commenting on his appointment, **Martin Coleman** said, “I am looking forward to actively and transparently engaging with people and businesses in Jersey and focusing the work of the JCRA on the best interests of Jersey and all stakeholders - Government, business and consumers.”

The JCRA is the independent body responsible for the administration and enforcement of competition law in Jersey, including merger control.

It also has specific responsibility for the ports, postal and telecommunications sectors in Jersey. For the regulated sectors, the Authority’s work entails monitoring compliance with licence conditions, undertaking market reviews and investigations where required.

The JCRA’s focus is to ensure that it adds value by ensuring there is fair competition and consumers have access to a wide choice of products and services at the best possible prices. **Ends**

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

### **About Martin Coleman**

In addition to his current roles at the CMA which end in September, Martin is a former:

- Board member, and Chair of the Education and Training Committee, of the Solicitors Regulation Authority
- Council Member of the Economic and Social Research Council, the UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues
- Board member of the Higher Education Funding Council for England
- Deputy Chair of the Office for Students, the regulator for higher education in England
- Member of the Board of Trustees of Police Now

Martin was Co-author (with Michael Grenfell) of '*The Competition Act 1998*' (Oxford University Press) and is a Quondam Fellow of Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge.

### **About the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority:**

The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law 2001. It is responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005 and also regulates the Ports of Jersey and the postal and telecoms sectors.

The JCRA strives to ensure that the markets work well for the benefit of all stakeholders, including Government, business, citizens and consumers facilitating best value, choice and access to high quality services.