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Competition Commission announces appointment of Chief Executive Officer

The Competition Commission (Commission) announced today (19 June) the appointment of Mr Brent Snyder as its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a term of three years commencing 4 September 2017.

Mr Snyder will succeed Ms Rose Webb, whose contract as CEO of the Commission will come to an end on 2 September 2017.

Mr Snyder served in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice from 2003 until June 2017, first as a Trial Attorney playing a key role in the Division's criminal matters, and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG) since 2013 until 2017. In his capacity as DAAG, Mr Snyder headed the criminal enforcement function overseeing enforcement, prosecutions, leniency and other policy work. He also led the Antitrust Division as Acting Assistant Attorney General during the early part of 2017. Prior to joining the government, Mr Snyder was a partner with Perkins Coie LLP in Seattle.

During his tenure with the United States Department of Justice, Mr Snyder played a pivotal role in some of the Antitrust Division's most important investigations and trials, including thin-film transistor liquid crystal display panels, coastal water freight, and air transportation. He has twice received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Ms Anna Wu, Chairperson of the Commission, said, "I am delighted to have Mr Snyder on board. With his proven credentials and expertise in competition law enforcement and litigation, Mr Snyder's joining is timely and invaluable as the Commission enters the stage of growing enforcement actions. I am confident that he is well placed to lead the executive arm of the Commission."

"I would also like to take the opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ms Webb for her tremendous contributions over the past three years in various aspects of the Commission's work, both before and after full commencement of the Competition Ordinance."

Commenting on his new appointment, Mr Snyder said, "I am honoured and excited to take on this important role at the Competition Commission in Hong Kong. I look forward to joining the members and the professional team of the Commission in safeguarding the core value of competition and bringing the benefits of a level-playing field for all in Hong Kong."

In his role as CEO, Mr Snyder will lead the work of the executive team and divisions in areas including investigations and enforcement, legal services, economics and policy, public affairs and corporate services.

Biography of Mr Brent Snyder



Mr. Brent Snyder was Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Enforcement in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice from 2013 until 2017. In this capacity, he headed the criminal enforcement function of the Division overseeing enforcement, prosecutions, leniency and other policy work. Between January and April 2017, he served as Acting Assistant Attorney General leading the Antitrust Division. He was a Trial Attorney in the Antitrust Division's National Criminal Enforcement Section from 2003 to 2011 and in its San Francisco Office from 2011 to 2013. Prior to joining the government, Mr. Snyder practiced law at Paul Hastings in Los Angeles and Perkins Coie in Seattle where he was a Partner.

Mr. Snyder played a key role in some of the Antitrust Division's most important recent investigations and trials, including thin-film transistor liquid crystal display panels, coastal water freight and air transportation. Mr. Snyder has twice received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service and he has been awarded an Antitrust Division Award of Distinction. He was also named a California Attorney of the Year in 2013.

Mr. Snyder received his law degree from the University of Texas. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Seattle Pacific University, where he graduated magna cum laude.