

**BIOGRAPHIES OF THE KEYNOTES SPEAKERS FOR BIICL'S 6TH ANNUAL TRANS-
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Bill Kovacic, *US Federal Trade Commission*

Philip Lowe, *European Commission*

Bruce McDonald, *US Department of Justice*

Bill Kovacic

William Evan Kovacic was sworn in on January 4, 2006, as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

Kovacic joined the FTC from his position as the E.K. Gubin Professor of Government Contracts Law at George Washington University Law School, where he began teaching in 1999. He was the FTC's General Counsel from 2001 through the end of 2004. Kovacic earlier worked at the Commission from 1979 to 1983, first with the Bureau of Competition's Planning Office and later as an attorney advisor to former Commissioner George W. Douglas. After leaving the FTC in 1983, Kovacic was an associate with the Washington, D.C., office of Bryan Cave, where he practiced in the firm's antitrust and government contracts departments, until joining the George Mason University School of Law in 1986. Earlier in his career, he spent a year on the majority staff of the Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. He also clerked for the Honorable Roszel C. Thomsen, U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Since 1992, Kovacic has served as an adviser on antitrust and consumer protection issues to the governments of Armenia, Benin, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Guyana, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Panama, Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe. He also has authored or coauthored books and articles on

antitrust law, including *Antitrust Law and Economics in a Nutshell and Antitrust Law in Perspective: Cases, Concepts, and Problems in Competition Policy*.

Kovacic graduated with a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1974, and received his J.D. from Columbia University in 1978.

Philip Lowe

Philip Lowe was born in Leeds in 1947 and attended schools there and in Reading before going to St. John's College, Oxford where he read Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

In 1968, he started his professional career in the manufacturing industry. He also followed the two-year M.Sc. Programme at London Business School.

At the end of 1973, he joined the European Commission where he worked in the fields of loans and borrowings, steel restructuring and regional development before becoming Chef de Cabinet of Bruce Millan, European Commissioner for Regional Policies in 1989.

In 1991, he was appointed Director of Rural Development in the Directorate General for Agriculture.

From 1993 to 1995, he was Director of the Merger Task Force in the Directorate General for Competition.

In January 1995, he was seconded to be Chef de Cabinet of Neil Kinnock, European Commissioner for Transport and Transeuropean Networks.

In December 1997, he was appointed Director General for Development; he was responsible in particular for the negotiation of the EU-ACP Cotonou Partnership Agreement and the EU-South Africa Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement.

In June 2000, he was appointed Chef de Cabinet to Vice-President Neil Kinnock, who is responsible for the administrative reform of the Commission.

From 1st February 2002, he was seconded to the Secretariat General and appointed acting Deputy Secretary General responsible for relations with the Council, until taking up his appointment as Director General of Competition on 1st September 2002. Philip Lowe speaks French (fluent) and German (fluent).

Bruce McDonald

Bruce McDonald is a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. One of the two deputies in charge of civil antitrust enforcement, his portfolio includes industries that historically have been regulated, such as commercial aviation and transportation, energy, health care, and telecommunications. From 1990 to 2003, McDonald practiced at the Baker Botts L.L.P. law firm in Houston, where he was a partner in the firm's antitrust group. He previously worked in the antitrust section of Jones Day in Washington, D.C.

McDonald has extensive antitrust merger and litigation experience in various industries, including aviation, health care, telecommunications, electricity, oilfield services, and petrochemicals. He has participated as a speaker in numerous seminars on antitrust trade regulation and civil and criminal law compliance and published several antitrust articles. He also taught Antitrust and Trade Regulation as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center.

McDonald received his B.A. with honors from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985, where he received his J.D. with honors in 1988. He was a member of the Order of the Coif and managing editor of *The Review of Litigation*. He also studied public and international law and European competition law at the University of London in 1997.

McDonald is a member of both the State Bar of Texas and District of Columbia Bar and has served on several American Bar Association antitrust committees. In 2002, he was chairman of the Houston Bar Association Antitrust Section.