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## **Abstract**

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## PROFESSOR VALENTINE KORAH: A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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From 1991 to 2004, Fordham Law School was graced by the presence of an extraordinary teacher and one of the most prolific scholars on any law faculty, Professor Valentine Korah. All scholars researching in the area of European Union competition law have benefited greatly by her clear analyses of complex business problems.

Professor Korah came to us after a lengthy career at University College London, where she regularly taught Competition Law from the late 1960s until her retirement in 1993. She has continued to teach occasional courses there as Professor Emeritus. Professor Korah also has taught regularly at the prestigious College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium) and the Universities of Lund (Sweden) and Valencia (Spain). Her travels as a Visiting Professor of Competition Law are legendary: in the United States, she has lectured at the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve University, and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; beyond Europe she has taught at the Universities of Melbourne and Monash (Australia) and Khartoum (Sudan), to name a few.

Margaret Valentine Latham Korah is a native Londoner, born in 1928 and educated at convent schools in London, except for the wartime years when her schools were evacuated to the countryside. At the end of the Second World War, she studied law at University College London, receiving degrees of: LL.B. in 1949; LL.M. in 1951; and Ph.D. in 1966. She also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Juridical Science in 1998 from the University of Lund. She was called to the Bar in 1954, but her career has principally been in the academic world, except for some service as an adviser to government agencies.

Valentine and her husband, Alex Korah, have 4 children: Hermione, Richard, Leonora (Penny), and Maggie. They also have 6 grandchildren. One of Valentine's favorite anecdotes is that she came to realize the importance of competition law by observing her children competing with one another.

