



Bruno Lasserre

Bruno Lasserre is since 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009, the President of the French Autorité de la concurrence (Competition Authority). This independent authority, created by the Law of Modernization of Economy (LME) of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008, is entrusted with the mission of ensuring the implementation of competition law and policy in France. It takes over from the Competition Council as regards antitrust enforcement and becomes sole responsible for merger control.

Bruno Lasserre was born on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1954. He is a graduate of the French National School of Administration, the ENA, after which he joined the French Supreme Administrative Court, the Conseil d'Etat, in 1978. He now has the rank of Conseiller d'Etat.

After eight years spent at the Conseil d'Etat, he joined the French Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, where he was Director for Regulatory Affairs, from 1989 to 1993, and Director General for Posts and Telecommunications, from 1993 to 1997.

During his eight years tenure as head of the French telecommunications regulatory authority, he was the main architect of a comprehensive overhaul of the telecommunications sector, culminating in its full opening to competition, in the creation of an independent regulator and in the privatisation of the historic incumbent.

He was then appointed Personal Representative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and of the Minister for Industry to lead an international mission due to present and explain the reform to foreign governments and authorities.

He returned to the Conseil d'Etat in 1998, where he chaired the 1<sup>st</sup> Chamber for three years, before becoming Deputy-Chairman for the all litigation activities, between 2002 and 2004.

In parallel with these functions, he served as Member of the French Competition Council, from 1998 to 2004. He was then appointed President thereof on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2004, a post he held until the transformation of the Competition Council into the Autorité.

He is the author of a number of reports commissioned by the French Prime Minister: "L'Etat et les technologies de l'information: vers une administration à accès pluriel" (La documentation française ed., 2000) and "Pour une meilleure qualité de la réglementation" (La documentation française ed., 2004). He has also published a book on the theme of transparency within the administration ("La transparence administrative", with Bernard Stirn and Noëlle Lenoir, PUF ed., 1986). He was also a member of the Commission for the Liberation of French Growth, chaired by Jacques Attali, whose report ("300 Decisions to change France") was submitted to the President of the Republic and to the Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008.

He is Officer of the Légion d'honneur.