

Welcome back to the new semester at BerkeleyLaw! It promises to be an exciting year with many challenges and the Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy will continue to keep you abreast of the many business and economic topics of the day.

We will kick off our Luncheon Speaker Series on January 20th with Nathan Bush, O'Melveny & Myers, speaking on "China's New Antimonopoly Law – What's Next?" This is a follow up discussion on China's first comprehensive competition statute, enacted on August 1, 2008. Mr. Bush will assess the lessons of the first six months of enforcement and their implications for future enforcement. For a complete list of our luncheon series, or to RSVP for this event, please follow this [link](#).

We are pleased to announce that Anita Krug has joined BCLBE as a Research Fellow with our Law and Finance Program. Anita received her J.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard and is a director with the Howard Rice law firm's Business Department. She will research current issues relating to hedge funds, private equity funds and other non-public investment vehicles, and of their managers and advisors.

John Patrick Hunt, BCLBE's Research Director, Law and Finance, took issue with a January 2, 2009 [WSJ op-ed piece](#) that suggested ending credit rating agency dependent regulation.

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