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Ladies and Gentlemen, we thank everyone for attending and participating in this 19th Lecture in the Shirley Playfair Lecture Series.

There are many messages in the Chat, thanking Professor Calkins for a great presentation. Adjectives include very good, insightful and engaging. There is nothing more for me to say on the presentation.

A very special thank you to our presenter, Mr. Stephen Calkins, who is no stranger to Jamaica and the Fair Trading Commission. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience with us and stimulating thoughts. Stephen's book *Antitrust Law & Economics in a Nutshell* is a required text for our lawyers and economists. He co-authored this book with Professor William Kovacic, past Chairman of the United States Federal Trade Commission, who himself also presented a Shirley Playfair Lecture. In our office, we call it the 'green book', and we refer to it periodically.

Having touched on several institutional issues, we hope you are amenable to conducting a two-hour Workshop with our Commissioners in the coming year as we move closer to having a single entity that administers competition law and consumer protection law. Also, that you will revisit Jamaica in the near future.

Thank you to the leadership of our portfolio Ministry through Minister Shaw, Minister Dunn, and Permanent Secretary Bennet-Templer. Minister Shaw shared with us a snippet of his work as Minister where his visionary leadership will continue to take his ministries and, by extension, this country through uncharted waters in commerce.

I must acknowledge Dr. Peter-John Gordon, past Chairman and Miss Michelle Brown, past Commissioner, both of whom were present; and several past Commissioners who continue to take an interest in the Jamaica's competition policy framework.

Thank you to all participants today. I prefer to refer to you not as an audience, but as participants, as you all contribute to our body of work.

A special thank you to our technical team, who are also our Staff members. Stephen mentioned the high level of knowledge and expertise that generally reside in agencies. The quality of our Staff is very high and diverse in the tasks that we undertake, from core competition work to public relations and staging events such as the Lecture. Thank you Staff. Also, to the Commissioners for your efforts and your commitment to the Fair Trading Commission.

The FTC will continue to use its global ties by leveraging relationships with persons like Stephen to strengthen competition law in Jamaica.

We look forward to your joining us for the 20th Shirley Playfair Lecture. Thank you, and have a blessed day.