

Antitrust and Competition Regulatory and Enforcement

Our Antitrust & Competition Regulatory & Enforcement practice includes all aspects of antitrust and competition-related regulatory compliance and defense of clients in antitrust and competition investigations and regulatory enforcement actions. We offer a well-rounded perspective and our team members based in Washington, D.C., New York, and Europe work seamlessly across offices and borders to help clients with multi-jurisdictional investigations. We also have earned the respect of the regulators and are able to offer companies opportunities to bring anticompetitive activities in the marketplace to the attention of state and federal antitrust enforcers.

We regularly assist companies and executives in regulatory investigations relating to allegations of antitrust and competition law violations. Whether responding to a DOJ criminal investigation or an FTC civil investigation, our *Chambers* and *The Legal 500*-ranked white collar defense and corporate investigations team has a superb record in achieving favorable results on behalf of our clients. In enforcement actions, we are skilled trial lawyers and are comfortable handling cases in federal courts as well as before FTC administrative law judges. We have particular strength in helping companies navigate parallel government and civil actions and working with them to determine the most advantageous litigation strategy, including working with economic experts as appropriate, when facing criminal and civil actions relating to the same conduct.

Members of our team have been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *Who's Who Competition*, *The Legal 500* and other recognized ranking publications in the antitrust category. Several of our partners have served in leadership roles within the ABA Antitrust Section for years, and our senior attorneys regularly lecture and write on issues of interest to the antitrust community.

Antitrust & Competition Investigations

Select matters handled by our attorneys include:

- Represent a public streaming entertainment company in its capacity as a third party in various civil investigations and litigation brought by the FTC and certain U.S. state attorneys general in which the company's interests are impacted by the actions of the largest Big Tech companies.
- Represent a company in a highly concentrated sector of the entertainment industry in seeking DOJ and state AG review of the anticompetitive effects of a decade-old merger.
- Represent an innovative technology company in connection with DOJ antitrust litigation against Google.
- Represent a media and entertainment company regarding an investigation involving anticompetitive conduct by a large technology company.
- Represented one of the country's largest manufacturers of disposable cups and plastic cutlery against allegations of criminal and civil cartel activity in the industry; no criminal charges were brought and we obtained dismissal of the civil case.
- Represented a commodities trading firm in connection with a Department of Justice criminal antitrust investigation of alleged price-fixing of brokerage commissions in energy trading.
- Represented a road salt manufacturer in a criminal antitrust investigation by the DOJ Antitrust Division and various state attorneys general, avoiding any charges against the client.
- Represented a former senior trader in connection with a Department of Justice investigation of alleged bid-rigging in the market for municipal bonds and related derivative securities.
- Represented a customized promotional products company in connection with an FTC investigation into allegedly false country-of-origin claims.
- Represented an individual in the generic pharmaceutical industry with regard to an investigation by government entities and private follow up allegations.
- Represented an individual in a federal investigation into bid-rigging on federal contracts.
- Represented a major airline in connection with a Department of Justice antitrust investigation relating to airline fuel and cargo prices.
- Represented senior executives of a major airline in connection with a Department of Justice antitrust investigation relating to airline fuel and cargo prices.

- Represented a senior corporate executive in connection with a Department of Justice antitrust investigation of alleged price-fixing in the market for TFT-LCD display panels.
- Represented a senior manager of a large inter-dealer broker in criminal and civil probes into interest rate manipulation.
- Represented a senior executive at major foreign bank in investigations by the DOJ and the CFTC in connection with alleged LIBOR manipulation.
- Represented a game and fantasy production and publishing studio on structuring distribution contracts to avoid “free rider” issues, and negotiated directly with distributors and their counsel to avoid litigation.
- Represented an officer of a Japanese automotive parts company in industry-wide DOJ investigation into price fixing of automotive parts.
- Represented an executive of a large international bank in connection with the bank’s internal investigation and related SEC and DOJ investigations into potential securities law and antitrust violations concerning the bidding process for multi-million dollar commercial real estate loan assets held in collateralized debt obligations.
- Represented the chairman of a concrete pipe company in an investigation by the UK Competition and Markets Authority for alleged cartel activity.
- Served as pool counsel to several employees at a transportation and logistics company in DOJ cross-border criminal antitrust investigation.
- Represented a major pharmaceutical manufacturer accused of cartel activity and successfully persuaded the DOJ Antitrust Division not to prosecute.