

Antitrust and Competition

Our Antitrust & Competition team helps clients solve problems on the full range of issues related to competition law, including government investigations, cartel defense, private civil litigation on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, and complicated merger clearance matters. Our deep knowledge of the antitrust agencies allows us to guide clients through the most complex investigations and issues. We also work seamlessly across offices and borders to help clients with multi-jurisdictional investigations. While our focus is always on practical solutions, we call on a team of experienced trial lawyers to ensure our clients' rights are protected at all stages.

- **Government Investigations.** Our lawyers understand how the antitrust agencies work, which allows them to help clients on some of the most complex government investigations. We represent both complainants and respondents in these investigations. We have particular strength in helping companies navigate parallel government and civil actions, working with them to determine the most advantageous litigation strategy when facing criminal and civil actions relating to the same conduct.
- **Cartel Defense.** Our team of experienced cartel lawyers defends companies and individuals in criminal investigations. Our combination of white collar experience and knowledge of the Department of Justice ("DOJ") allows us to achieve great results for our clients. We are skilled negotiators, but stand ready to try cases with an experienced trial team.
- **Private Litigation.** Our attorneys have decades of experience litigating civil antitrust disputes, including defending clients in class action suits and litigating disputes among companies relating to allegations of monopolization and other unilateral exclusionary conduct. We also have significant appellate experience in competition matters.
- **Merger Clearance and Counseling.** Our group regularly assists companies in evaluating antitrust concerns that arise in the regular course of business or when evaluating potential mergers, acquisitions, and other transactions with competitive implications. We regularly draft, implement, and advise on antitrust compliance and training programs and advise clients with respect to the potential impact of proposed antitrust legislation and regulations.
- **Thought Leadership.** Our attorneys are leaders in the development of antitrust doctrine. They are leaders of the American Bar Association Antitrust Law Section, the Inn of Courts and are recognized by the leading rankings including *Chambers* and *The Legal 500*. We also help clients navigate compliance with antitrust and competition laws and advise on pending antitrust legislation and regulations that could impact their businesses.

Government Litigation and Investigations

- Represent an innovative technology company in connection with DOJ antitrust litigation against Google.
- Represent a media company regarding an investigation involving anticompetitive conduct by a large technology company.
- Represent a commodities company concerning an investigation in Eastern Europe.
- Represent a customized promotional products company in connection with an FTC investigation into allegedly false country-of-origin claims.

Cartel Defense

- Represent a seafood company regarding a criminal investigation into price fixing.
- Represent a shipping company concerning criminal and civil antitrust litigation related to allegations of price-fixing and bid-rigging.
- Represent an individual in the generic pharmaceutical industry with regard to an investigation by federal and state authorities.
- Represent a commodities company in a cartel investigation in Latin America.
- Represent an individual in a federal investigation into bid-rigging on federal contracts.

Private Litigation

- Represent a seafood company concerning multi-jurisdictional litigation in *In Re Packaged Seafood MDL*.
- Represent a pharmaceuticals company in regard to an alleged pay for delay scheme in *In Re Namenda MDL*.
- Represent a leading financial institution in antitrust litigation alleging a group boycott among major investment banks.

- Represent the world's largest auto parts manufacturer in multi-jurisdictional litigation in *In Re Auto Parts MDL*.
- Represent an electronics manufacturer with regard to a multi-jurisdictional litigation in *In Re Lithium Ion Batteries MDL*.
- Represent an electronics manufacturer regarding multi-jurisdictional litigation in *In Re Cathode Ray Tubes MDL*.
- Represented a multi-employer collective bargaining association that was joined in an antitrust challenge to a provision in collective bargaining agreement; obtained complete dismissal for all defendants after co-defendant labor union had been denied summary judgment.

Merger Clearance and Compliance

- Represent a commodities company concerning a potential acquisition of a key competitor.
- Represent an energy company regarding a purchasing joint venture with a potential competitor.
- Represent a professional services company with regard to benchmarking its compliance program.