

Antitrust and Competition Regulation and Enforcement

Our Antitrust and Competition Regulation and 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.

Our team includes several former federal prosecutors and 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, 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. We also have significant appellate experience in antitrust and competition matters.

We also regularly counsel clients on regulatory compliance matters for companies across a variety of industries, including representing parties contemplating mergers, acquisitions, and other transactions with competitive implications before the FTC, DOJ, and other regulators. We conduct internal investigations as part of our compliance counseling, when appropriate.

Two 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 and Competition Investigations

Defended 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 obtained dismissal of 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 senior executives of major airline in connection with Department of Justice antitrust investigation relating to airline fuel and cargo prices.

Represent a former senior trader at a large financial institution in a CFTC investigation into the possible manipulation of ISDAfix, a benchmark rate for interest rate swaps and options on swaps.

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 senior manager of a large inter-dealer broker in criminal and civil probe into interest rate manipulation.

Represent senior executive at major foreign bank in investigations by the DOJ and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) in connection with alleged LIBOR manipulation.

Serve as pool counsel to several employees in DOJ cross-border criminal antitrust investigation.

Conducted internal investigation into allegations of cartel activity by a major pharmaceutical manufacturer and successfully persuaded the DOJ Antitrust Division not to prosecute.