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Clients can depend on our antitrust attorneys' counseling, court room, and investigations experience to deliver comprehensive strategies for navigating antitrust risk on a regional, national, and international basis.

Our domestic and international clients operate in a variety of industries and range from individuals and small businesses to Fortune 100 companies. We represent clients in traditional manufacturing, distribution, and retailing, as well as specialized areas like health care, financial services, and insurance. We work with corporate counsel, management, and international counsel to understand business needs and provide high quality, practical, and tailored antitrust advice, whether in a commercial transaction, litigation, or a government investigation.

The breadth of our antitrust services includes advising clients on strategies for compliance and avoiding liability as well as representing clients in individual lawsuits, nationwide class actions, government investigations, civil enforcement actions and criminal cases. We engage with regulators at every level across the globe—the U.S. Department of Justice and state attorneys general domestically, and competition agencies in Europe, South America, Asia, and Australia.

Counseling & Advice

We regularly provide counseling and regulatory advice on:

- prospective acquisitions;
- price discrimination issues and pricing and advertising programs;
- issues arising out of trade association membership and activities;
- matters arising from collaborative agreements among competitors;
- antitrust compliance policies, training, and compliance programs; and
- intellectual property issues.

Litigation

We represent plaintiffs and defendants in competition-based litigation under the Sherman and Clayton Acts, the Lanham Act, and state antitrust and consumer protection statutes, both in individual actions and class actions. We defend clients accused of U.S. criminal antitrust violations. We have jointly represented clients defending European Commission and Brazilian Administrative Counsel for Economic Defense (CADE) proceedings.

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Investigations

Our antitrust investigation experience is broad and diverse with substantial experience serving as lead investigation counsel for parallel cross-border matters involving enforcement authorities around the world. We represent clients in investigations and enforcement actions involving the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, the European Commission, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, and the Competition and Consumer Authority of Singapore, to name a few.

Antitrust Reviews of Mergers & Acquisitions

Our significant experience in the antitrust aspects of mergers and acquisitions includes antitrust considerations that arise in the course of merger negotiations and due diligence, Hart-Scott-Rodino filings, the handling of "second requests," and the negotiation of remedial orders. We also provide extensive advice and opinions with respect to antitrust aspects of joint ventures, both for research and development and for production and marketing, including structuring joint ventures in regulated industries.