

## Top Ranked in the “Global Elite”

*Global Competition Review, 2022*

**“The quality of the lawyers’ advice is absolutely fantastic; they are incredibly bright people, are very responsive, and provide customer-focused advice.... They are brilliant strategists.”**

*Chambers Global*



## Global Antitrust

Cleary Gottlieb’s antitrust group draws on more than 75 years of experience practicing antitrust law on both sides of the Atlantic, providing clients with unified strategy and advocacy. We offer clients a unique transatlantic perspective that is invaluable in today’s increasingly borderless business landscape. Our global integration was built through a regular, decades-long exchange of lawyers among our U.S., European, and Asian offices.

Our practice, including approximately 200 antitrust lawyers worldwide, works together seamlessly to provide clients with cutting-edge expertise in all areas of antitrust law:

- Pre-merger notification and substantive defense of transactions
- Every type and stage of government investigation, including cartels
- Wide range of civil and criminal antitrust litigation
- State aid awards
- General counseling, antitrust audits, and compliance programs

Our team includes some of the most highly regarded lawyers in the field, including former senior officials from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Competition, as well as several lawyers who have worked at the European Courts in Luxembourg. We also have antitrust partners and associates who were economic experts prior to joining Cleary, providing a particular expertise in integrating our sophisticated legal and economic knowledge to advocate on behalf of our clients.

### Ranked in the top tier in both the U.S. and Europe

*Chambers Global, 2011–2022*

### The only law firm ranked “Elite” for Antitrust in Washington, D.C.

*Global Competition Review, 2022*

### Merger Control Matter of the Year – Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa (Veolia/Suez)

*Global Competition Review Awards, 2022*

### Merger Control Matter of the Year (Google/FitBit)

*Global Competition Review Awards, 2021*

### Antitrust Law Firm of the Year

*Chambers USA Awards, 2022; Benchmark Litigation U.S. Awards, 2019, 2021, & 2022*

### Band 1 for Competition/Antitrust

*Chambers Global, Chambers USA, and Chambers Europe, 2021*

### Technology, Media & Telecom Deal of the Year – Disney/21st Century Fox

*The Deal, 2019*

# Recent Highlights

- T-Mobile US and Deutsche Telekom in T-Mobile US's merger with Sprint Corporation for a total combined enterprise value of \$146 billion, and in successfully defending the merger in the federal court trial brought by a coalition of state attorneys general
- Abbott Laboratories in its \$25 billion acquisition of St. Jude Medical
- Air Liquide in its \$13.4 billion acquisition of Airgas—creating the world's largest supplier of industrial gases
- Broadcom in its \$10.7 billion acquisition of Symantec's Enterprise Security Business; its \$18.9 billion acquisition of CA Technologies; and in numerous other matters, including its acquisition of BroadLight
- Dow Chemical in numerous transactions, including its \$130 billion merger of equals with DuPont
- Essilor in its \$49 billion acquisition of Luxottica, owner of Ray-Ban and Oakley
- GlaxoSmithKline in its multibillion-dollar, three-part transaction with Novartis involving its consumer healthcare, vaccines, and oncology businesses
- Google in numerous matters including its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Fitbit and in three investigations before the European Commission, including the investigation into Google's alleged abuse of its dominant position in online search; the investigations are considered to be the most prominent case of the decade
- IBM in its \$34 billion acquisition of Red Hat, which was unconditionally cleared by the European Commission
- Keurig in successfully defending its victory on appeal to the Second Circuit, which affirmed the denial of a motion for a preliminary injunction seeking to block the launch of Keurig's flagship 2.0 coffee brewer
- Molson Coors and MillerCoors in connection with AB InBev's \$100 billion acquisition of SABMiller and the related \$12 billion acquisition by Molson Coors of SABMiller's interest in their U.S. joint venture, MillerCoors, and the global Miller brand portfolio
- Numerous automotive parts suppliers in global cartel investigations by European Commission, U.S. DOJ and other antitrust authorities into possible price fixing in the automotive parts industry, as well as advising Aisin Seiki, Faurecia, NSK, Omron, and Valeo in numerous class action price-fixing cases (won dismissal of Faurecia S.A. from the civil cases and denial of plaintiffs' class certification motion in NSK bearings MDL)
- Numerous major financial institutions, including Citigroup and HSBC, in investigations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia regarding allegations of manipulation and collusion concerning Foreign Exchange (FX) trading, and LIBOR, ISDAFIX, and other benchmark rates
- SES Astra before the EU General Court in winning the dismissal of appeals against the European Commission decision finding that the state measures at issue constituted unlawful and incompatible State aid
- Teladoc, as plaintiff, in winning a preliminary injunction against the Texas Medical Board, preventing the implementation of a rule that would have ended telehealth in Texas
- The Walt Disney Company (EU antitrust) and 21st Century Fox (U.S. antitrust) in Disney's \$71.3 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox
- Western Digital in its \$17 billion acquisition of SanDisk, as well as its previous \$4.8 billion acquisition of Hitachi's hard disk drive business

**"Best-in-class in terms of service, talent, and capability. Outstanding work on novel and extremely complex issues."**

*The Legal 500 U.S., 2020*

**Tier 1 for Antitrust: Cartel; Civil Litigation/Class Actions; Merger Control**

*The Legal 500 U.S., 2020*

**Matter of the Year (T-Mobile/Sprint); Merger Control Matter of the Year in the Americas (Disney/21st Century Fox); Merger Control Matter of the Year in Europe (IBM/Red Hat)**

*Global Competition Review Awards, 2020*

**"I've found Cleary to work seamlessly across their offices. But even more importantly, I've found them to partner very well with other outside firms."**

*Chambers USA, 2021*

**"Cleary is as good as it gets in this space."**

*The Legal 500 U.S., 2020*

**"It is the best of the best," and home to "a deep bench of antitrust thinkers," notes a client."**

*Chambers USA, 2021*

**Litigation of the Year – Cartel Defense (Auto Parts Antitrust Litigation)**

*Global Competition Review Awards, 2019*

**Competition Practice Group of the Year**

*Law360, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019*

**Noted for bringing "tremendous force not only to the handful of jurisdictions in which its individual offices are ranked by GCR, but also to other far-flung locales."**

*Global Competition Review, 2019*



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