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Chambers Global, 2020



Global Antitrust

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The only law firm ranked in the top tier in both the U.S. and Europe

Chambers Global, 2011–2021

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

Global Competition Review, 2021

Merger Control Matter of the Year (Google/FitBit)

Global Competition Review Awards, 2021

Antitrust Firm of the Year

Benchmark Litigation U.S. Awards, 2021

Band 1 for Competition/Antitrust

Chambers Global, Chambers USA, and Chambers Europe, 2021

“Cleary is as good as it gets in this space.”

The Legal 500 U.S., 2020

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
- Chemours in a European Commission investigation into its collaborative arrangement with Honeywell to develop a new automotive refrigerant; after a six-year investigation, the EU Commission closed its proceeding without formal charges
- 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
- Hachette Livre and HarperCollins in the context of the European Commission's investigation into "most-favored-nation" (MFN) clauses and Amazon's e-book distribution deals with various publishers
- Huawei Technologies in a referral proceeding to the European Court of Justice originating from German litigation on standard-essential patents before the Düsseldorf Regional Court against ZTE Corporation
- IBM in its \$34 billion acquisition of Red Hat, which was unconditionally cleared by the European Commission
- Juul Labs Inc. in connection with a \$12.8 billion investment by Altria Group in JLI, and in subsequent litigation by the FTC
- "K" Line in cartel investigations by the U.S. DOJ, the European Commission, and other antitrust authorities into possible price fixing in the car shipping industry, as well as in winning complete dismissal of related class actions brought by direct and indirect purchasers of ocean vehicle carrier services
- Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha and its subsidiary "K" Line American in winning dismissal of price-fixing class actions brought by direct and indirect purchasers of ocean vehicle services—a decision recently upheld by the third circuit; and in actions before the Federal Maritime Commission, where dismissal was also affirmed
- 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
- KLA-Tencor in its \$3.4 billion acquisition of Orbotech
- 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
- Sanofi US in winning summary judgment in a multibillion-dollar lawsuit challenging its loyalty discounts program—a decision upheld by the Third Circuit
- 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
- Thales in its €4.6 billion tender offer for Gemalto
- 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

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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

"We turn to Cleary because its office in DC is the absolute best; they are exceptional advocates, excellent strategists, always available and work unbelievably hard for their clients."

Chambers USA, 2019

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

The Deal, 2019

"Cleary has an exceptional team in the U.S. – the best in the world," reports a client."

Chambers USA, 2019

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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