

Antitrust and Competition

Why Leading Companies Turn to Axinn

- Our 90+ full-time antitrust lawyers represent the world's biggest corporations, including many of the Fortune 500
- Our track record of obtaining global clearance for combinations of significant rivals has built Axinn's reputation as a "go-to" firm for strategic mergers and acquisitions, with \$500+ billion transactions cleared
- Strategic defense of companies and individuals in the largest price fixing investigations of the last decade, along with novel allegations of price fixing through algorithms and labor-market collusion
- Our lawyers include former federal prosecutors, the Federal Trade Commission's Chief Trial Counsel, and Antitrust Division leaders
- Global antitrust agency experience paired with sophisticated economic advocacy
- Multidisciplinary team with government, in-house, and private practice backgrounds delivering strategic counsel on our clients' most important matters

Chambers USA

14 antitrust partners ranked, including in Band 1

Band 1 – Antitrust
New York

Band 2 – Antitrust
Nationwide

Band 3 – Antitrust
Nationwide – Cartel

Band 3 – Antitrust
California

Band 3 – Antitrust
DC

Shortlisted for Antitrust Law Firm of the Year in 2024

“Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider remains a go-to firm for top U.S. competition matters.”

— *Global Competition Review 2024*

High-Stakes Experience

M&A

- VMware's \$69 billion acquisition by Broadcom
- AssuredPartners' \$13.45 billion acquisition of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
- Worldpay in its \$24.5 billion acquisition by Global Payments
- Park Place Technologies in its acquisition by Service Express
- Ball Corporation's \$5.6 billion sale of its aerospace division to BAE Systems
- Take-Two Interactive's \$12.7 billion acquisition of Zynga
- Dell's \$67 billion acquisition of EMC
- First Advantage's \$2.2 billion acquisition of Sterling Check Corp.
- Accelera by Cummins in its \$2-3 billion joint venture with Daimler Truck and PACCAR
- Thermo Fisher's \$13.6 billion acquisition of Life Technologies, its \$12.5 billion tender offer for QIAGEN N.V., its \$9 billion pending acquisition of Clario Holdings Inc., its \$4 billion acquisition of the Purification & Filtration business of Solventum, and its \$3.1 billion acquisition of Olink Holding
- Tyson Foods' \$2.16 billion acquisition of Keystone Foods and \$1.2 billion sale of pet treats business
- McKesson's \$2.49 billion acquisition of a controlling interest in Florida Cancer Specialists' Core Ventures
- Google's \$12.5 billion acquisition of Motorola Mobility, its \$2.35 billion sale of Motorola Home to ARRIS, and its \$700 million acquisition of ITA Software

Litigation

- Defense of Google in the DOJ, State AG, and private antitrust suits alleging monopolization in ad tech industry
- Representing xAI and X in connection with Section 1 and 2 claims against Apple and OpenAI relating to conduct in the GenAI space
- Representing X in a lawsuit against the National Music Publishers' Association and major music publishers
- Representing a Fortune 100 technology company in monopolization litigation
- Defense of Tyson Foods in multiple class action lawsuits and arbitration alleging collusion among competitors
- Defense of Alvogen in the sprawling Generic Drugs MDL
- Dismissal victory for Florida Association of REALTORS® against conspiracy allegations to fix real estate commissions
- Motion to dismiss victory for grandmaster Magnus Carlsen
- Defense of Independence Health Group in a massive class-action MDL against the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and individual Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans
- Defense of RelayHealth (McKesson) in *In re Surescripts* monopolization class action
- Defense of Stanley Black & Decker in treble damages antitrust boycott litigation

Cartels & Government Investigations

- Defense of multiple Fortune 500 clients in non-public DOJ, FTC, and State AG investigations
- Representing Google in various investigations of its business practices in the U.S. and other jurisdictions
- Successfully closed an investigation into algorithmic price fixing without action against our client or its employees
- Represented leniency applicants in several DOJ price fixing, bid-rigging, and no-poach investigations
- Successfully closed a no-poach investigation on behalf of a corporate subject
- Defense of multiple individuals in non-public DOJ no-poach, price fixing, and public procurement fraud investigations
- Successfully resolved internal investigations in industries ranging from consumer goods and manufacturing to health care and technology for issues including price fixing, market allocation, fraud, and labor-market collusion, without government or private enforcement