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About Axinn

Named "Antitrust Firm of the Year" by *Chambers USA* and "Firm of the Year - Americas", by *Global Competition Review,* our team of 120 attorneys focuses on business-critical matters to protect and accelerate your growth.

Antitrust & Competition

- Largest U.S. antitrust practice, with a 100+ dedicated antitrust lawyers
- M&A, investigations, litigation, cartels, compliance
- 100+ years of FTC & DOJ experience

$750B+ Orchestrated in M&A transactions

Litigation & Trials

- End-to-end litigation for high-stakes cases
- 100+ jury and bench trials
- Class actions, MDLs, business disputes, arbitrations

500+ Complex disputes serving as lead or co-lead counsel

Intellectual Property

- Multi-venue coordination across district courts, ITC, PTAB, and appellate courts
- Deep experience with cutting-edge technologies
- 200+ IPRs handled

300+ Patent litigations handled

Appeals

- Team anchored by a former senior DOJ Associate Deputy Attorney General, a former state Assistant Solicitor General, and former appellate law clerks
- Briefed hundreds of appeals across all 13 federal circuits and argued over 50 appellate matters
- Filed dozens of briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court and second-chaired arguments

Global Lead Counsel on Complex Matters

Our teams possess deep knowledge and client-centric experience across a range of sectors, including consumer products, technology, healthcare, and financial services. We consistently serve many of the world's largest and most renowned companies on matters of critical strategic importance, and work effectively with other firms as global coordinating counsel.

Our lawyers have backgrounds in government, in-house, and private practice, enabling a comprehensive and practical approach to our clients' needs.

"Axinn has one of the best antitrust teams in the U.S. that tackles all types of issues for some of the largest companies in the world. They are quick to respond and anticipate issues."

- Chambers USA

We Know The Enforcers' Playbooks

Our Former Department of Justice lawyers Include:

- Chief of Staff who oversaw the Biden Administration's effort to reinvigorate Section 2 enforcement
- Section Chief who supervised *U.S. v. Apple* and *U.S. v. HPE/Juniper*, and helped spearhead *U.S. v. Google (Ad Tech)*
- Associate Deputy Attorney General who oversaw DOJ's Supreme Court, appellate, and antitrust matters
- Section Chief who managed teams through monopolization investigations
- Multiple trial attorneys, including with lead roles on *U.S. v. JetBlue/Spirit* and *U.S. v. Northeast Alliance (American/JetBlue)* trials

Our Former Federal Trade Commission Lawyers Include:

- Chief Trial Counsel who led *FTC v. Meta* and litigated *FTC v. Qualcomm* and *FTC v. Surescripts*
- Assistant Director who supervised multiple landmark Section 2 cases *(Rambus*, *Intel 1*, *Unocal*, *MSC Software, Intel 2)*
- Multiple merger shop attorneys

Highlights

FTC v. Meta Platforms

Dan Matheson was lead counsel throughout the litigation and trial alleging Meta unlawfully maintained monopoly power through acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp

FTC v. Qualcomm

Dan Matheson served as second-chair trial counsel in monopolization litigation challenging licensing practices

United States v. Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Juniper Networks

Jackie Lem led investigation and litigation for the DOJ challenging combination of leading providers of enterprise networking solutions

United States v. Google

Daniel Bitton and Bradley Justus represented Google at both phases of the *Ad Tech* trial in E.D. Va.

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Extensive Government Experience



James ("Jimmy") Attridge
Partner | Washington, DC

Chief of Staff; Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General; Federal Prosecutor, DOJ (Trump & Biden Administrations)



Scott Eisman
Partner | New York, NY

Assistant Solicitor General, New York State Attorney General



Katrina Rouse
Partner | San Francisco, CA

Deputy Director of Civil Enforcement; Chief, Defense, Industrials & Aerospace Section; Assistant Chief, San Francisco Office; Trial Attorney, DOJ (13 years)



Matthew Levinton
Associate | Washington, DC

Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Texas Attorney General's Office



Daniel Bitton
Partner | San Francisco, CA

Advisor, Dutch Competition Authority



Daniel Matheson
Partner | Washington, DC

Chief Trial Counsel; Deputy Chief Trial Counsel; Senior Trial Counsel, FTC (10 years)



Mary Helen Wimberly
Partner | Washington, DC

Associate Deputy Attorney General; Trial and Appellate Attorney, DOJ (Trump & Biden Administrations); Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary



Anna Van de Stouwe
Associate | Washington, DC

Attorney, FTC



Jacklin ("Jackie") Chou Lem
Partner | San Francisco, CA

Civil Chief; Assistant Chief; Lead Trial Attorney; Federal Prosecutor, DOJ (17 years)



James ("Jimmy") Moore
Partner | Washington, DC

Trial Attorney, DOJ Antitrust Division



Michael ("Mike") DeRita
Counsel | Washington, DC

Attorney, FTC

Trial Attorney, DOJ



Richard ("Rick") Dagen
Partner | Washington, DC

Assistant Director; Special Counsel, FTC



Leslie Overton
Partner & Chief Workplace Culture & Opportunity Officer | Washington, DC

Deputy Assistant Attorney General; Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, DOJ (Obama & Bush Administrations)



Taylor Aiello
Associate | New York, NY

Attorney, FTC

Select Market Recognition & Awards

Chambers and Partners

2026 Antitrust Law Firm of the Year; shortlisted in 2024

Thirteen antitrust partner rankings, including in Band 1

Antitrust New York (Band 1)

Antitrust Nationwide (Band 2)

Antitrust Nationwide – Cartel (Band 3)

Antitrust California (Band 3)

Antitrust DC (Band 3)

Global Competition Review

2026 Firm of the Year – Americas (4th time)

2026 Lawyer of the Year shortlist

2026 Merger Control Matter of the Year – Europe shortlist (Worldpay/Global Payments)

2026 Merger Control Matter of the Year – Americas shortlist (AssuredPartners/Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.)

2025 Lawyer of the Year – Under 40

2025 Behavioural Matter of the Year – Americas (Google)

2025 Women in Antitrust

2024 40 Under 40

“Elite” New York and “Highly Recommended” Washington, DC, and “Recommended” California rankings in GCR 100

The Legal 500 United States

Nationwide Antitrust – Civil Litigation/Class Actions: Defense

Nationwide Antitrust – Cartels

Nationwide Antitrust – Merger Control

Nineteen recognized lawyer

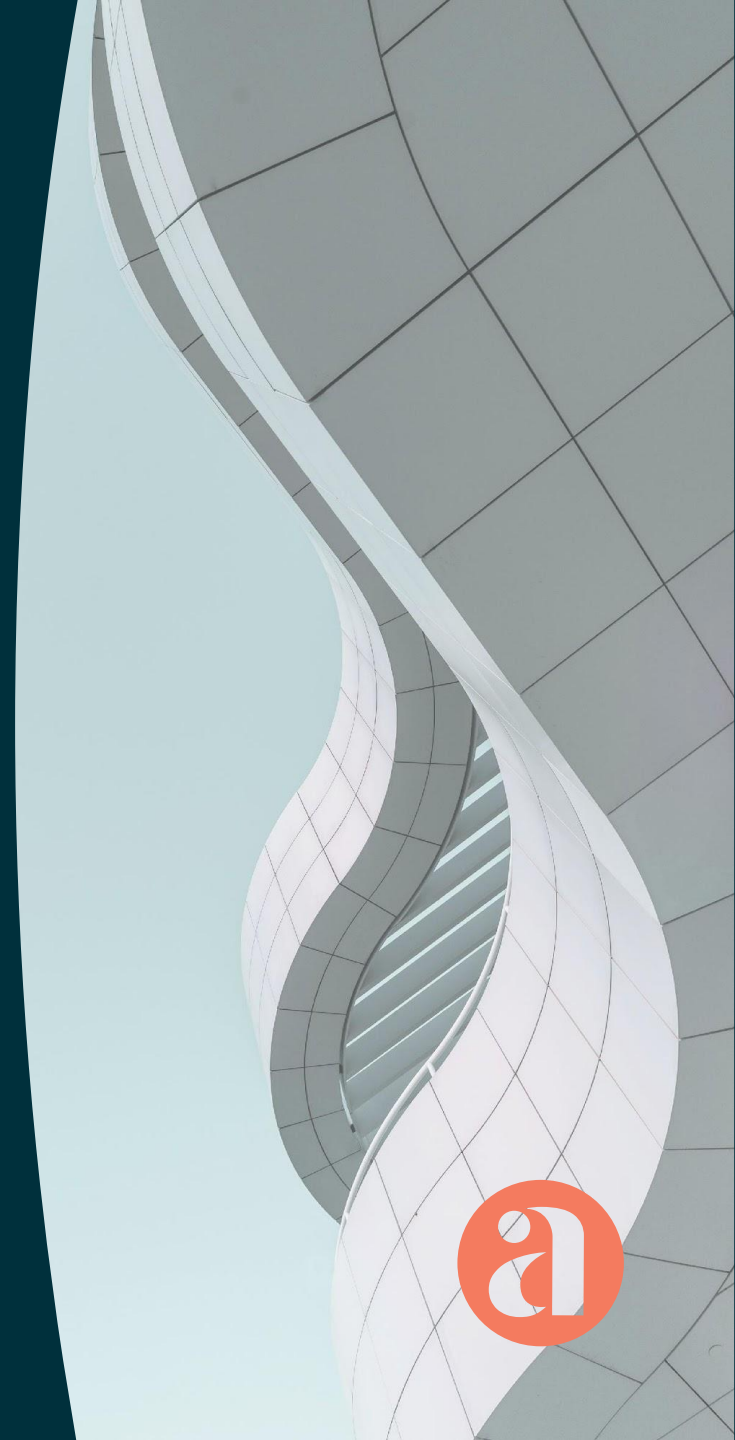
Benchmark Litigation

Three Axinn partners recognized on the 2026 “40 and Under List”

Seven Axinn partners recognized as 2025 “Litigation Stars”

Axinn recognized as a “Recommended Firm” for litigation

Congressional Engagement & Hill Advocacy



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Congressional Engagement & Hill Advocacy

Axinn helps clients navigate sensitive congressional scrutiny from the initial inquiry through potential hearings, combining substantive antitrust advocacy with strategic Hill engagement, government relations, and communications.



Technology-Sector Investigations: Handled congressional investigations and advocated before Senator Mike Lee's office, including in the Big Tech congressional investigations, including regarding platform design, policies, and pricing, as well as algorithmic pricing



Hearings and Written-responses: Prepared submissions for congressional hearings, and responded to detailed technical follow-up questions, including QFRs



Know Your Audience: We maintain relationships with key antitrust personnel on Senator Lee's staff and the House Judiciary Committee, providing insight into how congressional inquiries develop and escalate

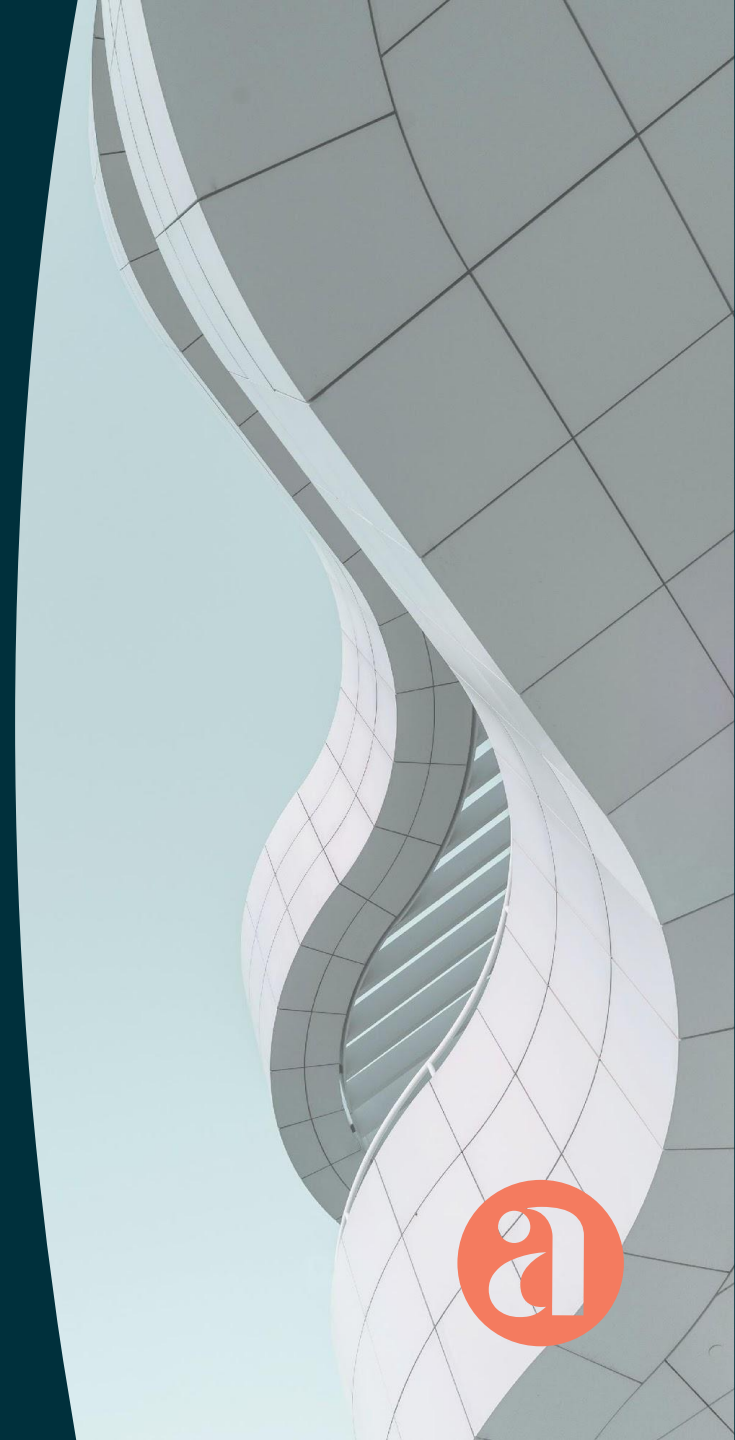


Strategy: Help clients stage and calibrate responses, correct factual misconceptions on the Hill, redirect political scrutiny, and develop advocacy to mitigate the risk of escalation into formal investigations, hearings, or related scrutiny from federal and state enforcers



Holistic Approach: Coordinate legal, GR, and Comms strategies to policymakers and relevant stakeholders, using technologies for targeted messaging, designing favorable analogies, and customizing engagement at each stage

State AG Engagement



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State Attorney General Engagement

Axinn helps clients navigate State AG scrutiny from early-stage investigations through multistate litigation and parallel enforcement. We bring experience coordinating strategy across state and federal authorities, managing overlapping private litigation, and developing consistent legal, factual, and economic narratives in matters that can carry significant business, political, and reputational consequences. Our team is accustomed to defending clients where state AG activity is one part of a broader, fast-moving enforcement landscape.

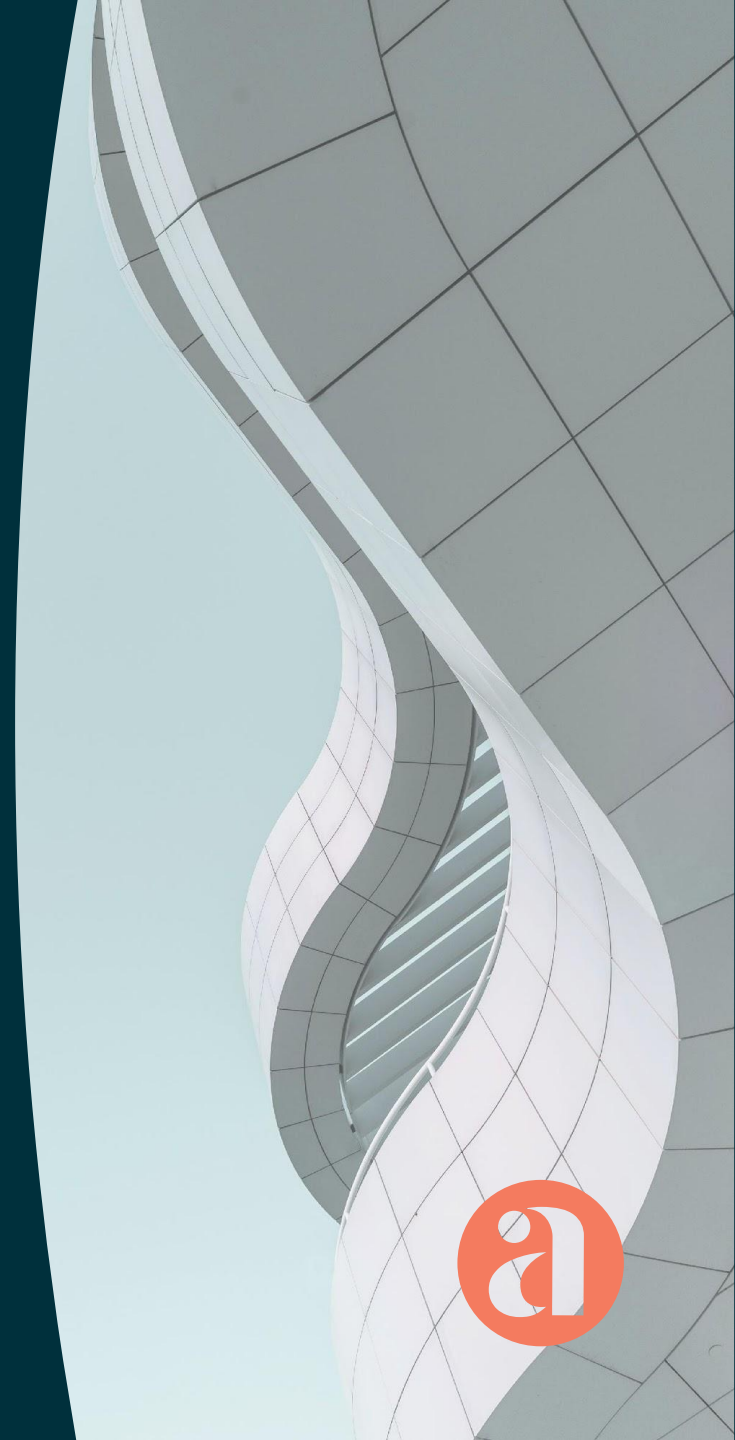
Defending Google against DOJ, state AGs, and private antitrust suits in three district courts alleging monopolization in the ad tech industry. Secured dismissal of claims challenging technology integration agreement with Meta, and a finding of no liability on claims challenging acquisitions and certain product optimizations

Representing Tyson Foods in multiple major treble-damage class actions and state AG litigations alleging industry-wide conspiracies to raise the prices of broiler chicken and pork, as well as a conspiracy to depress broiler farmer pay

Lead counsel for Alvogen in a suit initiated by 44 state AGs and followed by a DOJ criminal antitrust investigation and multiple treble-damage class action suits alleging an industry-wide conspiracy to raise prices of generic medications through the allocation of markets

> **The firm has deep legal expertise, tremendous experience, and great relationships with regulators.**
> *- Chambers USA*

Transactions



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Market-Leading Antitrust Counsel for Strategic M&A

Axinn helps clients secure antitrust clearance for complex, high-risk transactions from start to finish, including matters involving significant enforcement risk and uncertainty.

Global Track Record

In bench strength, experience, and significance of transactions, we surpass competitors — which is why clients bring us their toughest deals.

Our track record of obtaining global clearance for combinations of significant rivals has built our reputation as a go-to firm for strategic mergers & acquisitions.

Global Competition Review ranked Axinn as one of the Top 6 firms handling the most complex mergers in 2025.

Getting Hard Deals Across the Finish Line

We work closely with deal counsel and business teams to anticipate and resolve antitrust issues early, guiding transactions through antitrust review, often without enforcement action — whether that means avoiding a Second Request, navigating extended investigations, or negotiating targeted remedies.

Our experience spans industries and jurisdictions, including transactions subject to parallel U.S. and international review and heightened public and regulatory scrutiny.

> **"Axinn brings a high degree of sophistication to transactional analysis and counseling."**
> *- Chambers USA*

Select Merger Clearance Experience

Dell
$67 billion acquisition of EMC
$4 billion sale of Boomi

VMware, Inc.
$69 billion acquisition by Broadcom

Accelera by Cummins
$2-3 billion JV with Daimler Truck North America and PACCAR

McKesson
$2.49 billion acquisition of a controlling interest in Florida Cancer Specialists' Core Ventures
JV with HCA's Sarah Cannon Research Institute
$3.4 billion tech JV with Change Healthcare
$1.4 billion acquisition of CoverMyMeds

Google
$12.5 billion acquisition of Motorola Mobility
$2.35 billion sale of Motorola Home to ARRIS
$700 million acquisition of ITA Software

Worldpay
$24.5 billion acquisition by Global Payments as part of a transformative three-way transaction

Modular Inc.
$4 billion acquisition by Qualcomm Incorporated

Thermo Fisher Scientific
$13.6 billion acquisition of Life Technologies
$12.5 billion tender offer for Qiagen
$9 billion acquisition of Clario Holdings Inc.
$7.2 billion acquisition of Patheon
$4 billion acquisition of the Purification & Filtration business of Solventum
$3.1 billion acquisition of Olink Holding
$1.85 billion acquisition of PeproTech, Inc.
$1.08 billion sale of its microbiology business to Astorg

Stanley Black & Decker
$1.6 billion acquisition of MTD Holdings
$900 million acquisition of Craftsman brand from Sears

Ball Corporation
$5.6 billion divestiture of Aerospace Division to BAE Systems
$6.7 billion acquisition of Rexam, PLC
$577 million acquisition of MCC asset from InBev

Take-Two Interactive Software
$12.7 billion acquisition of Zynga
$2 billion hostile tender offer of Electronic Arts
$460 million acquisition of The Gearbox Entertainment Company

First Advantage
$2.2 billion acquisition of Sterling Check Corp.

Park Place Technologies, GTCR, and Charlesbank
$3.6 billion acquisition by Service Express

AssuredPartners
$13.45 billion acquisition by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Tyson Foods
$2.16 billion acquisition of Keystone Foods
$1.2 billion sale of pet treats business

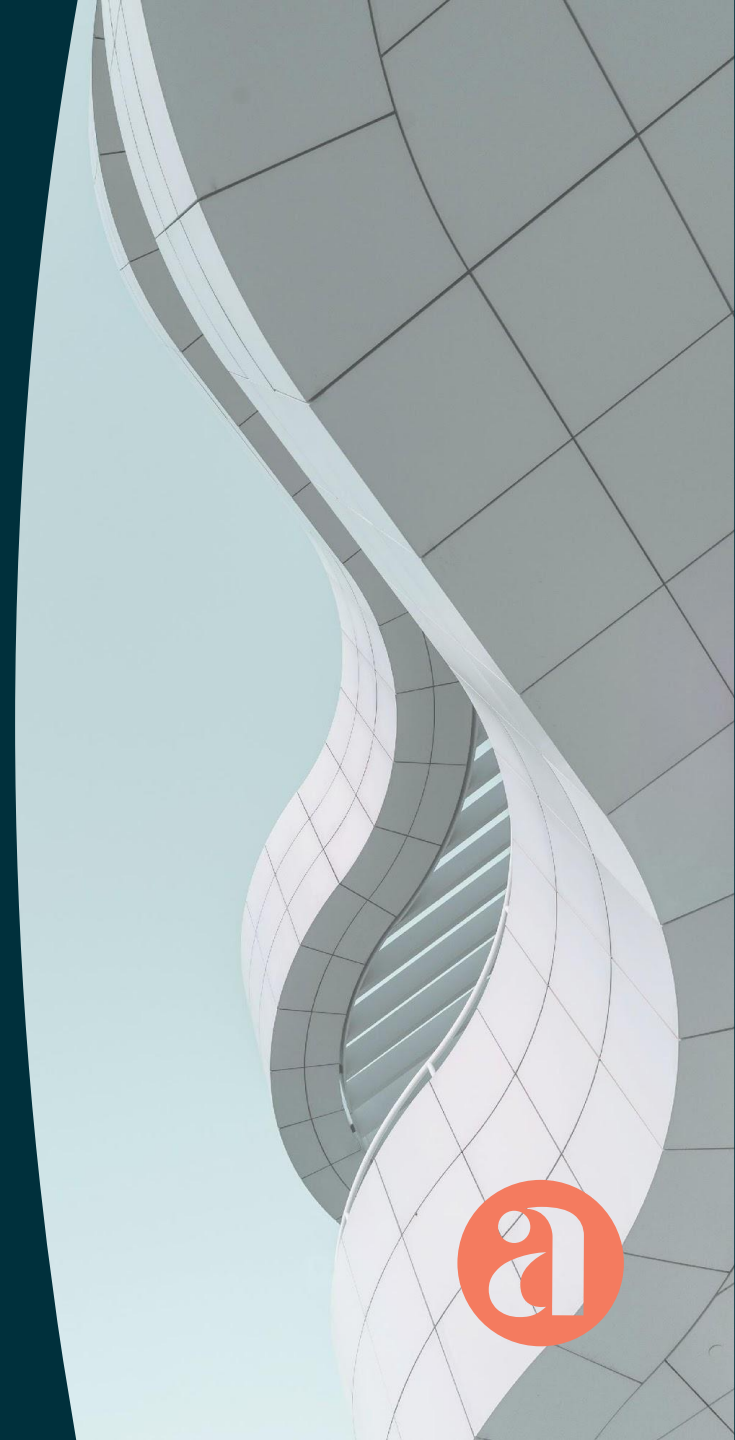
Deep Merger Litigation Experience

While Axinn guides the vast majority of merger reviews through agency engagement and negotiated solutions, our team also has unmatched experience in contested merger litigation.

Represented DOJ investigation and litigation in challenging HPE's proposed acquisition of Juniper Networks	Represented DOJ in the successful challenge to JetBlue's proposed acquisition of Spirit Airlines	Represented FTC in litigation challenging a chemical industry acquisition resulting in structural remedies	Lead trial counsel in high-profile monopolization litigation challenging Meta's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp
Defending Google against DOJ, state AGs, and private antitrust suits in three district courts challenging acquisitions as part of monopolization case. Secured finding of no liability on acquisitions	Successfully litigated against the DOJ's post-transaction attempt to block George's Inc.'s sale of assets to Tyson Foods	Successfully litigated against the City of New York in its efforts to stop Group Health Inc.'s acquisition of HIP Insurance Company	Lead or trial counsel in numerous merger litigations, including *FTC v. Peabody*, *FTC v. Kroger & Albertsons, New York v. Deutsche Telekom (Sprint/T-Mobile), United States v. American Airlines, United States v. JetBlue Airways, FTC v. Amgen, United States v. Global Business Travel Group*

> **"Axinn shows time and again not just an understanding of complex and sophisticated antitrust issues, but a mastery of all of the nuances contained therein."**
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> *- Chambers USA*

Antitrust Litigation



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What Sets Axinn's Antitrust Litigators Apart

No One-Size-Fits-All Approach

Axinn does not litigate passively or reflexively apply cookie-cutter strategies. Every antitrust case is different and requires a bespoke strategy aimed at achieving our clients' business objectives.

Plan for Trial from Day One

Most antitrust cases don't go to trial. But Axinn's opponents know that we are willing and able to take complex cases all the way—and win. That's why we can set agendas and drive outcomes that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

Strategic and Nimble

As circumstances change over the life of a case, Axinn assesses and adjusts its strategies. When we see an opportunity to create an advantage, we're not afraid to call an audible and drive a case forward in a new direction.

Focused on Your Objectives

The best litigation strategy is often the one developed before a claim is even filed. We work closely with clients to craft proactive, practical solutions that address business challenges and can prevent or mitigate the impact of litigation.

Appeals

Axinn's appellate team is a trusted partner to corporations facing their most consequential appeals nationwide. With over 100 appeals briefed or argued — in the Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals, and state appellate courts — our seasoned advocates bring sharp strategic judgment to cases that shape industries.

Government Leadership & Appellate Clerkship Experience

Axinn's appellate team is composed of seasoned advocates with wide-ranging experience. Our lawyers include former government appellate litigators at both the federal and state levels, former senior officials overseeing government appellate litigation dockets, former appellate clerks for prominent judges across the country, and a Master of the Bench member of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court.

These experiences provide our team with top-to-bottom perspectives on how federal and state governments litigate cases on appeal and decide whether to participate in private actions. And the team's collective background in both government and private cases equips us to develop whole-of-litigation strategies designed to succeed in trial courts all the way up to courts of last resort.

Wide-Ranging Practice

Axinn attorneys have managed appeals across diverse substantive areas and procedural postures and have been engaged following trial or dispositive rulings to preserve hard-won victories or overturn unfavorable decisions. Our practice includes interlocutory and final appeals in enforcement actions, bilateral private disputes, class actions, and multidistrict litigation. We also handle petitions for discretionary review and extraordinary writs, as well as amicus curiae submissions.

Our appellate lawyers partner seamlessly with trial teams as well, helping to shape the record, preserve key issues for appeal, distill complex topics, and deliver persuasive arguments through both written and oral advocacy. Our team ensures that clients' positions are fully preserved and effectively advanced, no matter the forum.

High-Stakes Litigation & Investigations Experience

Google

Defending Google against DOJ, state AGs, and private antitrust suits in three district courts alleging monopolization in the ad tech industry. Secured dismissal of claims challenging technology integration agreement with Meta, and a finding of no liability on claims challenging acquisitions and certain product optimizations

Representing SpaceXAI and X in connection with Section 1 and Section 2 claims against Apple and OpenAI relating to conduct in the GenAI space

Representing plaintiff X in ongoing litigation against numerous music publishers controlling 90% of the copyrighted music in the United States

CISCO

Successfully secured dismissal before discovery for Cisco in monopolization action involving distribution practices in the networking sector

Secured dismissal in California federal court of claims alleging that TikTok removed content from its platform pursuant to an anticompetitive conspiracy to monopolize a sports memorabilia market

StanleyBlack&Decker

Defended Stanley Black & Decker in case alleging group boycott. The Fourth Circuit Court unanimously affirmed summary judgment in which Axinn defeated antitrust claim seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages. Axinn argued the case at the district and appeals courts

UPMC
LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

Defended UPMC in case alleging conspiracy to monopolize; secured summary judgment, and Third Circuit affirmance of summary judgment, for UPMC against Section 1 and Section 2 Sherman Act claims

Tyson Foods

Successfully defended Tyson Foods in a $500 million antitrust arbitration brought by a major retailer asserting an opt-out claim

High-Stakes Litigation & Investigations Experience

RelayHealth

Defended McKesson's RelayHealth in FTC investigation and litigation, as well as a treble-damages follow-on class action alleging conspiracy to monopolize; secured an advantageous early resolution

Independence

Defending Independence Blue Cross in a massive class-action MDL against the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and individual Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans

ASOP Global | Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies

Defended the Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies and secured early summary judgment in a treble-damages antitrust conspiracy case

Defending an Ivy League university in a veterinary residency match antitrust putative class action

Alvogen

Defending Alvogen, Inc. in the sprawling Generic Pharmaceuticals MDL, where plaintiffs allege participation in an industry-wide conspiracy to raise prices of generic drugs

Defended chess grandmaster Magnus Carlsen before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in a $100 million case alleging federal antitrust and defamation-related state law claims against Carlsen and Chess.com, successfully defeating all claims

Alliance Laundry Systems

Defending Alliance Laundry Holdings Inc. in antitrust litigation brought by PayRange concerning payment-processing technology used with commercial laundry equipment. Secured a significant early victory by defeating plaintiff's request for a preliminary injunction

Defending the All England Lawn Tennis Club, host of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in an antitrust class action, including defeating an emergency motion for a temporary restraining order in the S.D.N.Y. The win was recognized in *The Am Law Litigation Daily*'s Litigator of the Week "Shout-Outs"

High-Stakes Litigation & Investigations Experience

Axinn has extensive experience involving algorithmic pricing and alleged pricing coordination through third-party intermediaries.

Successfully defended a client against allegations of price-fixing through a data intermediary (RealPage) in the multi-family real estate space, including resolving civil allegations with a no-admission, no-penalty settlement

Represented Google in federal and state government investigations and government and private litigation about its ad tech business, which involved various similar pricing issues as those that come up in the context of ride-hailing platforms

Represents Tyson Foods in multiple class actions alleging pricing and wage coordination concerning multiple proteins (pork, turkey, and broiler chickens) and workers (growers) via AgriStats

Representing several PVC pipe manufacturers in cases alleging coordination through a third-party data service (OPIS)

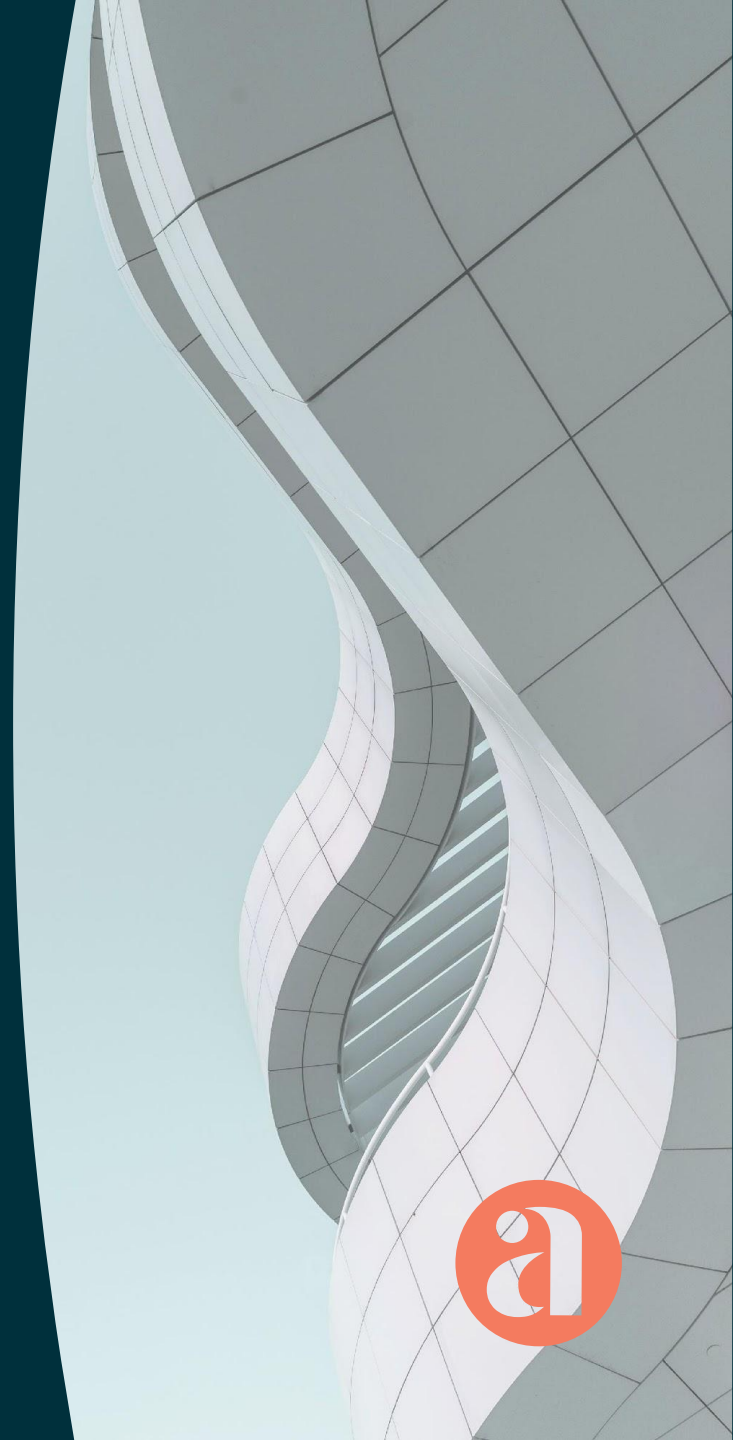
Representing Shintech and its Japanese parent, Shin-Etsu, in class action litigation alleging pricing coordination on caustic soda via third-party data collection services

Represented Exelon Corporation in connection with a case alleging a 20-plus year conspiracy among more than a dozen nuclear power plant operators to fix employee wages, including through multiple wage aggregation services. Axinn convinced plaintiffs to dismiss their case without completing motions practice

Counseled multiple clients on designing compliance programs that address antitrust risks associated with algorithmic pricing

Representing multiple companies in non-public cartel investigations into allegations that the companies' software facilitated price-fixing

Cartels & Investigations



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Cartels & Investigations

In today's aggressive enforcement environment, the choice of cartel counsel is critical. Lawyers must be incisive advisors, inquisitive strategists, and invested advocates—and Axinn embodies these qualities. Our team has led the two largest price fixing matters of the past decade, consistently achieving favorable results for clients. When government scrutiny arises, our first priority is to persuade authorities to close investigations without enforcement action. When necessary, we are prepared to mount a vigorous defense in court and beyond.

Axinn represents companies and executives in investigations across the globe, including matters before the U.S. Department of Justice, European Commission, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Canadian Competition Bureau, U.K. Competition & Markets Authority, and Brazil's Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE).

Select Experience:

- Defend allegations of collusion for public contracts in multiple ongoing matters
- Conduct internal investigations related to fraud, bid rigging, and labor-market collusion across a range of industries
- Represent clients in cartel probes by State Attorneys General across the U.S.
- Represented Corning Inc. in an automotive parts criminal investigation and follow-on civil multidistrict litigation
- Represented clients in DOJ automotive parts and air cargo cartel investigations, achieving favorable resolutions
- Hired to represent a U.S. landlord following execution of a search warrant at its premises in a price fixing investigation
- Representing multiple executives in cross-border price fixing investigations in the manufacturing and chemical industries, involving authorities in Brazil, Mexico, the European Commission, and the UK

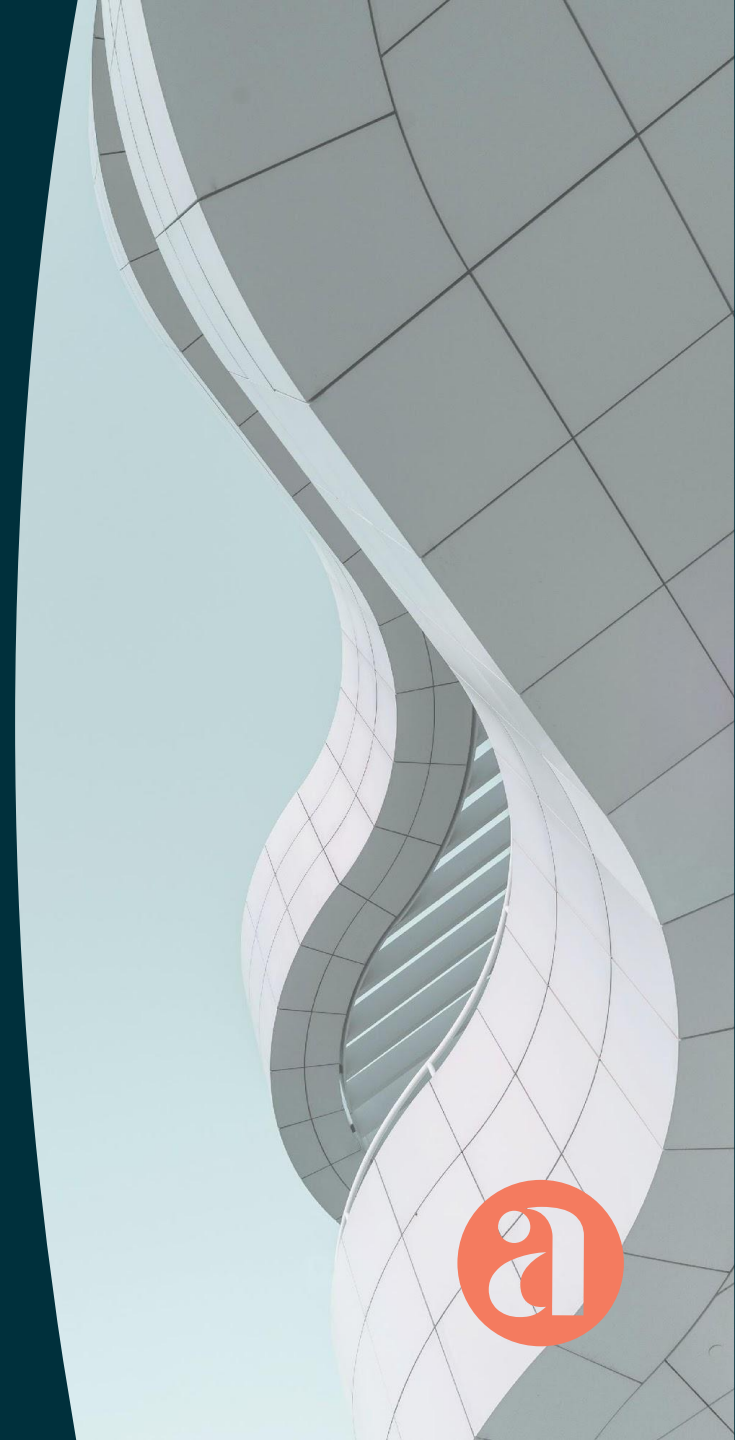
Investigations Experience:

- DOJ Antitrust Investigations
- State AG Antitrust Investigations
- International Cartels
- Cross-Border Investigations
- White Collar Investigations
- Internal Investigations
- Civil Follow-On Litigation
- Compliance Programs

Product and Labor Markets Experience:

- Price Fixing
- Bid Rigging
- Market Allocation
- Information Sharing
- Employee "No Poach"
- Wage Fixing
- Monopolization

Team Biographies



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James (“Jimmy”) Attridge

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James (“Jimmy”) Attridge is an antitrust partner trusted to guide clients through government and internal investigations, civil and criminal litigation, complex merger reviews, and developing and implementing compliance programs. With deep government experience across the Trump and Biden administrations – including as chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Antitrust Division and a federal prosecutor – Jimmy has helped clients successfully navigate some of the most challenging government investigations and litigation by the DOJ, FTC, and state attorneys general.

Praised by clients as an “outstanding,” “creative,” and “connected” lawyer for his “deep knowledge,” “practical” and “client-focused” advice, and “extraordinary client service,” Jimmy has been recognized as a top antitrust lawyer worldwide by *Chambers Global* and *Lawdragon*, and in *Global Competition Review*’s prestigious “40 Under 40” list of leading antitrust practitioners around the globe.

Clients trust Jimmy’s guidance defending companies and executives in antitrust and fraud investigations and litigation, including successfully closing novel investigations into algorithmic collusion, cross-border price fixing, and allegations of labor-market collusion, consistently ranking him among the top nationwide lawyers in *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500 United States*, and *Lawdragon*’s 500 Leading Litigators in America.

He has also been recognized by *Chambers* and *Washingtonian Magazine* as a top Washington antitrust lawyer, lauded for his “command of policy” and “unique insight” and “valuable” understanding of “the inner workings of the DOJ.” He’s also a recognized thought leader, winning the Concurrences Antitrust Writing Award and Mondaq Thought Leadership Award for his top-tier analysis in antitrust law.

Jimmy served as part of the Antitrust Division’s leadership team overseeing cartel investigations, litigation, and policy during both Republican and Democratic administrations, including implementing policy changes to incentivize and assess corporate compliance and representing the Antitrust Division in a first-of-its-kind course on antitrust compliance.

Notable Experience:

- Successfully closed a DOJ criminal investigation into algorithmic price fixing
- Successfully defended a multi-family real estate investment company in DOJ and state attorneys general civil litigation involving allegations of information exchange and price fixing via algorithms, resulting in a no-fault, no-penalty consent decree resolving DOJ’s and the states’ civil investigation
- Representing companies and executives in international and domestic cartel investigations involving public procurement, price fixing, bid rigging, and labor-market collusion
- Advising multiple Fortune 500 companies on the design and implementation of global antitrust compliance programs
- Conducted internal investigations in industries ranging from consumer goods and manufacturing, to healthcare and technology for issues including price fixing, labor-market collusion, and fraud
- Represented Ball Corporation in its $5.6 billion sale of its aerospace division to BAE Systems
- Represented funds managed by Greenbriar Equity Group in connection with the sale of oil change operator Breeze Autocare to Valvoline Inc.

Education

JD – Georgetown University Law Center

BA – Dartmouth College



Daniel S. Bitton

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Daniel Bitton is a *Chambers USA* Band 1-ranked antitrust lawyer, head of Axinn's San Francisco office and West Coast practice, and one of the Firm's three Executive Committee members. With a strong foundation in both EU and U.S. law, he advises global industry leaders like Google, McKesson, and Stanley Black & Decker on complex antitrust litigation, government investigations, and high-stakes mergers.

Daniel currently is representing AI and other tech companies in multiple multi-billion dollar M&A transactions. In addition, he co-leads Google's defense in landmark antitrust cases involving its ad technology business, with proceedings in multiple federal courts — cases with sweeping implications for the future of digital market regulation and monopolization law around the world. He also has represented McKesson in high-profile class actions, FTC investigations, and M&A and joint venture transactions with major healthcare players such as HCA Healthcare, Change Healthcare, and CVS. He likewise has represented Stanley Black & Decker in M&A transactions and other antitrust matters, including its multi-phase acquisition of MTD Holdings. He has represented yet many other companies in M&A, investigations, and litigation.

Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States, Lawdragon's 500 Leading Litigators in America*, *The Recorder,* the *Daily Journal*, and the *New York Law Journal*, Daniel is a trusted advisor at the intersection of antitrust and innovation.

Notable Experience:

- Representing Google in antitrust cases about its advertising technology business brought by the United States Department of Justice, state AG, and class action and direct-action plaintiffs in Virginia, Texas, and New York federal courts (*GCR* "Matter of the Year" award)
- Defending TikTok in California federal court against conspiracy to monopolize and unfair trade practices claims
- Represented Shintech Inc. and Shintech-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. in a federal antitrust class action
- Represented McKesson in an FTC case and federal antitrust class actions involving healthcare technology platforms
- Representing Represented Danfoss A/S, Danfoss Flensburg GmbH, and Danfoss LLC in a federal class action opt-out case alleging price fixing of household refrigerant compressors
- Represented Modular Inc. in securing antitrust clearance for its $4 billion acquisition by Qualcomm
- Representing leading tech company in investment in ad tech company
- Representing major airline in acquisition
- Representing McKesson in countless M&A deals, incl. its $2.49 billion acquisition of Florida Cancer Specialists' Core Ventures, cancer research JV with HCA's Sarah Cannon Research Institute, $3.4 billion technology JV with Change Healthcare, and $1.4 billion acquisition of CoverMyMeds
- Represented Dell in its $67 billion acquisition of EMC Corporation
- Represented Thermo Fisher Scientific in its $13.6 billion acquisition of Life Technologies
- Represented Stanley Black & Decker in its acquisition of a 20% stake and $1.6 billion acquisition of the remaining 80% stake in MTD Holdings; and in its $375 million acquisition of Excel Industries
- Represented Google in its $2.35 billion sale of its Motorola Home division to ARRIS and its $700 million acquisition of ITA Software

Education

LLM – New York University School of Law Visiting Student – UC Berkeley School of Law MA, Netherlands Law – Free University of Amsterdam



Jacklin (“Jackie”) Chou Lem

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Jacklin (“Jackie”) Chou Lem is the former Civil Chief of the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division’s San Francisco Office. Under her leadership, she managed an office of nearly 30 attorneys, formalized and expanded the office’s civil enforcement program, and launched a wide range of civil antitrust litigation, merger reviews, and monopolization investigations.

As Civil Chief, she spearheaded high-profile litigations involving Silicon Valley technology companies, including *U.S. v. Apple* and *U.S. v. Hewlett Packard Enterprises and Juniper Networks*, and she regularly advised senior DOJ leadership including the Assistant Attorney General, Gail Slater.

During her 17-year tenure at the DOJ—which spanned five administrations, from Bush to Trump—Jackie also served as Assistant Chief and lead trial attorney. She led complex, multi-year criminal and civil investigations involving global price fixing cartels, domestic bid rigging conspiracies, public procurement fraud, monopolization, unlawful restraints, and anticompetitive mergers.

Jackie has tried multiple cases to verdict before federal juries. Her litigation experience spans all aspects of trial work, including opening and closing statements, cross-examination of defendants, direct examination of key government witnesses, and motion arguments.

With a JD from Stanford and a PhD in economics from MIT, Jackie brings a rare combination of rigorous economic training, deep government enforcement experience, and trial advocacy skills to advise clients using a practical, strategic approach to managing antitrust risk.

Notable Experience:

- Supervised the investigation and litigation challenging the merger of technology companies that provide computer networking services
- Supervised the investigation and litigation alleging a major technology company’s monopolization of smartphone devices
- Investigated and filed a civil complaint against a leading technology company alleging monopolization of digital advertising technologies
- Led the prosecution of twelve defendants in a price fixing, market allocation, monopolization, and extortion case involving activity at the U.S.-Mexico border
- Led the prosecution of eight companies and ten individuals in a global capacitors price fixing cartel case, obtaining over $150 million in criminal fines and multiple guilty pleas
- Led the prosecution of four companies and five individuals in an international aftermarket auto-lights price fixing conspiracy case, obtaining nearly $50 million in criminal fines and multiple guilty pleas

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Education

JD, *with distinction* – Stanford University

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Daniel Matheson

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Daniel Matheson is a first-chair antitrust trial lawyer with extensive experience trying high-stakes matters across the country, including claims of monopolization, exclusive dealing, and anticompetitive collusion. Dan has served as lead counsel in multiple matters tried to verdict, including the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) landmark litigation against Meta Platforms challenging the acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp.

Dan spent the past decade at the FTC's Bureau of Competition, where he played a central role in the agency's most significant enforcement actions. As Chief Trial Counsel, he supervised or participated in all litigations conducted by the FTC's Litigation Group and advised leadership on case strategy and enforcement priorities. During his tenure at the FTC, Dan tried major merger and conduct cases across a wide range of industries, including technology, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, energy, and retail. He has deep experience in matters involving the intersection of antitrust and intellectual property.

Before entering government service, Dan spent more than ten years in private practice at leading law firms, representing clients in complex antitrust litigation, merger clearance matters, and civil and criminal antitrust investigations.

Dan received his JD, Order of the Coif, from the University of Michigan Law School and his BA, *summa cum laude*, from Case Western Reserve University.

Notable Experience:

- Lead trial counsel in high-profile monopolization litigation challenging Meta's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp (*FTC v. Meta Platforms (f/k/a Facebook)*)
- Lead trial counsel in litigation blocking the combination of the two largest coal mines in the United States (*FTC v. Peabody Energy Corp. and Arch Coal, Inc.*)
- Lead trial counsel in litigation challenging misuse of trademark rights (*FTC v. 1-800 Contacts*)
- Second-chair trial counsel in high-profile monopolization litigation challenging a semiconductor manufacturer's exclusionary contracting practices (*FTC v. Qualcomm*)
- Represented the plaintiff in litigation alleging that exclusionary contracts unlawfully maintained monopoly, settled just prior to trial (*Aetna v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI*)
- Represented the plaintiff in litigation alleging unlawful monopolization based on abuse of intellectual property rights, settled favorably prior to trial (*Broadcom v. Qualcomm*)
- Litigation counsel challenging de facto exclusive dealing arrangements that maintained monopoly power, settled following favorable summary judgment ruling (*FTC v. Surescripts*)
- Lead litigation counsel challenging rivals' exclusionary agreements, settlement affording complete relief reached following favorable summary judgment ruling (*FTC v. LREAB*)
- Lead litigation counsel challenging violation of HSR Act, settlement including $5M penalty reached prior to trial (*United States v. Canon and Toshiba*)
- Trial counsel in multiple contested merger litigations in industries including grocery retailing (*FTC v. Kroger Co. & Albertsons Cos.*), hospital systems (*FTC v. Advocate HealthCare & NorthShore Univ. Health Sys.*), and chemical manufacturing (*FTC v. RAG-Stiftung*)

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Education

JD, Order of the Coif – University of Michigan Law School

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James (“Jimmy”) Moore is an antitrust partner based in our Washington, DC office. He represents clients in complex antitrust litigation, government investigations, and merger reviews, drawing on experience in both government enforcement and private practice. Jimmy advises clients on civil and criminal antitrust matters and brings a practical, enforcement-informed perspective to managing antitrust risk.

Before joining the firm, Jimmy served as a Trial Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, where he litigated merger challenges and conduct cases and led significant merger investigations. He worked closely with Division leadership, economists, and state attorneys general, and was entrusted with substantial responsibility for case strategy, trial work, and the management of large investigative teams, playing key roles in several of the Division’s most prominent matters. In private practice, Jimmy has represented clients in antitrust litigation, merger challenges, and government investigations across a range of industries, including pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, chemicals, automotive parts, and consumer goods. He has defended mergers at trial, represented companies in price fixing and no poach investigations, and worked extensively with economic experts on complex antitrust issues.

Jimmy is an active member of the antitrust bar and regularly contributes to the work of the American Bar Association Antitrust Law Section, where he currently serves as Vice Chair of the Trial Practice Committee. He began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Daniel P. Jordan III of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, and he previously externed with the Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Competition.

Jimmy received his JD from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his BA, *summa cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University.

Notable Experience:

- Conducted trial examinations of expert and fact witnesses in merger and conduct cases, including the successful challenges to JetBlue’s proposed acquisition of Spirit and the Northeast Alliance between American Airlines and JetBlue
- Led all aspects of pre-trial litigation in multiple enforcement actions, including drafting complaints and trial briefs, deposing key witnesses, and managing party and third-party discovery
- Played a leading role in litigation challenging Amex GBT’s acquisition of CWT, helping shape case strategy and trial preparation in a complex merger challenge
- Led multiple Second Request investigations, developing theories of harm and enforcement recommendations, deposing senior executives, working with third parties in interviews and CID compliance, and coordinating with state enforcers
- Represented a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent-infringement litigation, including successfully defeating a summary judgment motion against its antitrust counterclaims for exclusive dealing
- Represented companies in merger litigation and agency investigations, including successfully defending Sprint in litigation brought by state attorneys general challenging its acquisition by T-Mobile
- Defended a chemical manufacturer against class-action claims for price fixing, including supervising the litigation team and developing defense case theories
- Represented companies and individuals, as targets, material witnesses, and leniency applicants, in criminal price fixing and no poach investigations

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Education

JD – Columbia Law School

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Katrina Rouse is an accomplished antitrust partner in the firm's San Francisco office, advising clients on merger clearance, high-stakes government investigations, and complex litigation. She brings a decade of senior leadership at the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, where she shaped national civil enforcement strategy and directed some of the Division's most consequential matters, with a particular focus on healthcare, defense, industrials, and technology.

Prior to joining the firm, Katrina served as Deputy Director of Civil Enforcement and Chief of the Defense, Industrials, and Aerospace Section, where she led teams through all phases of antitrust investigations and litigation. She supervised the review of more than 1,000 mergers and led investigative and trial teams through merger challenges and investigations of monopolization and anticompetitive agreements. She worked closely with DOJ leadership, the FTC, state AGs, and international competition authorities to coordinate enforcement strategy. Earlier in her government career, Katrina worked as a trial attorney and litigated complex merger and conduct cases.

Katrina clerked for judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. She received her JD from Stanford Law School and her BA, *magna cum laude*, from Columbia University.

Notable Experience:

- Oversaw challenge to $4 billion residential door hardware merger (*United States v. ASSA ABLOY/Spectrum*)
- Supervised challenge involving NSA contracting competition (*United States v. Booz Allen/EverWatch*)
- Managed challenge of the combination of the top two providers of a type of wall covering (*United States v. Grupo Verzatec/Crane Company*)
- Led litigation to block hospitals' agreements to limit marketing (*United States and State of Michigan v. Hillsdale*)
- Involved in the challenge of United's acquisition of take-off and landing slots from Delta at the Newark airport (*United States v. United/Delta*)
- Managed resolution of seven matters through consent decree settlements without litigation, including the largest defense deal ever (*U.S. v. United Technologies Corp. and Raytheon Co.*)
- Managed investigations into multiple deals that parties abandoned or restructured after DOJ raised concerns about anticompetitive effects, including in the shipping equipment, shipping containers, and automotive-parts industries
- Managed investigations into interlocking directorates, HSR Act compliance, possible Section 1 violations, and possible Section 2 violations in various industries

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Education

JD – Stanford Law School

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Mary Helen Wimberly

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Mary Helen Wimberly is a highly accomplished litigator who specializes in appellate practice. She draws on her extensive experience working for the federal government – including as an Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), as a trial and appellate attorney in DOJ's Antitrust Division, and as a counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on the Judiciary – to advise clients and represent them in high-stakes investigations, trials, and appeals.

As an Associate Deputy Attorney General, Mary Helen helped the Deputy Attorney General oversee DOJ's Antitrust Division, Civil Division, Office of Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Solicitor General, Tax Division, and U.S. Trustee Program. As a DOJ trial and appellate attorney, Mary Helen served as the case lead on major civil and criminal appeals, and she worked closely with the Division's trial and investigatory teams on strategy, case development, and issue preservation from the pre-litigation stages through appeal. And as a Hill staffer, Mary Helen helped finalize the House Judiciary Committee's report on its digital-markets investigation and accompanying legislation.

At DOJ, Mary Helen won the Assistant Attorney General's Individual Award of Distinction for "[h]er clear writing style, meticulous research techniques, and lucid thinking," which made her "a natural lead on some of the thorniest matters our appellate program has taken on."

In private practice, Mary Helen has built a reputation as a formidable appellate advocate for market-leading companies. She has argued significant appellate cases across the country – including in the D.C., Second, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits – and she has authored more than 100 briefs. She also has second-chaired multiple arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court and authored dozens of Supreme Court briefs for parties and amici, including successful certiorari petitions and merits briefs. She is a Master of the Bench member of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court.

Notable Experience:

Government Experience

- Oversaw DOJ's Supreme Court docket, a substantial portion of its civil and criminal appellate docket, and major antitrust enforcement actions
- One of two DOJ participants on the DOJ-FTC Monopolization Working Group
- Drafted the United States' views brief before the Supreme Court in *Comcast v. Viamedia*, addressing Sherman Act Section 2 refusal-to-deal and tying claims
- Counsel of record for the United States in the *AT&T/Time Warner* D.C. Circuit appeal
- Argued seven antitrust appellate matters on behalf of the United States

Private Practice Experience

- Representing large technology company in case challenging alleged content moderation on a social media platform under Section 1, Section 2, and various state laws
- Representing multinational technology company before the Eighth Circuit in monopolization action involving distribution practices in the networking sector
- Representing pharmaceutical company in D.C. Circuit appeal concerning generic exclusivity
- Secured First Circuit affirmance of dismissal of False Claims Act qui tam action in *United States ex rel. Wilson v. Bristol-Myers Squibb*
- Secured certiorari review and Supreme Court vacatur of an adverse sovereign-immunity decision, leading briefing and second-chairing oral argument

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Education

JD – Vanderbilt University Law School BA, English – Duke University



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Having previously served as in-house competition counsel for both Google and Lyft, Drew's expertise is in providing clients practical, concise, and business-savvy antitrust advice so that clients can focus on what is most important – their business – while minimizing antitrust risk.

Drew has advised clients (including internal c-suite executives) on a wide variety of antitrust issues that span Section 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, including: developing competitive intelligence policies, participating in industry associations (including benchmarking and Noerr-Pennington petitioning conduct), refusals to deal, competitor partnerships, M&A due diligence, investor relations calls (signaling risk), bundled discounting and other pricing practices, product design changes, and proper information sharing practices.

Drew has also designed and implemented company-wide antitrust compliance policies and trained thousands of business stakeholders on proper antitrust practices.

Drew also has substantial litigation and investigation experience having represented clients in connection with Section 1 and Section 2 claims brought by both the FTC and DOJ, as well as class action plaintiffs. Drew has also advised clients in connection with investigations abroad, including by the French Competition Authority, the Competition and Markets Authority, the Australian Competition and Consumers Commission, and the Federal Economic Competition Commission.

Drew is active in the local community, volunteering at legal clinics for victims of natural disasters such as Hurricane Sandy, supporting clinics aiding New York City's homeless youth population, and leading Axinn's efforts to help Ukrainian refugees apply for Temporary Protected Status.

Prior to joining Axinn, Andrew practiced in a global law firm's antitrust and competition group. He earned his JD from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Notable Experience:

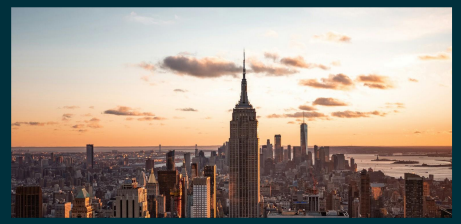
- Representing Google in antitrust litigations brought by the DOJ, state attorneys general, and private plaintiffs challenging Google's ad technology business
- Represented McKesson subsidiary RelayHealth in federal antitrust class actions, as well as in an FTC litigation and investigation, involving monopolization claims relating to electronic prescribing

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JD – Georgetown University Law Center

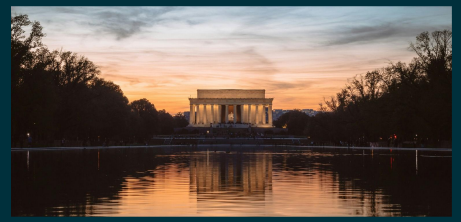
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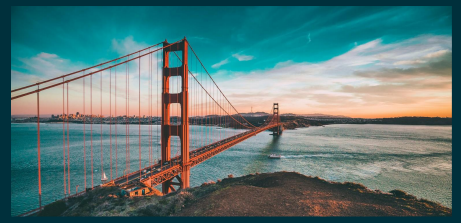
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