

ABA 73rd Annual Section of Antitrust Law Spring Meeting

Axinn at the ABA Antitrust Section Spring Meeting 2025

The week proved to be a success, as several Axinn attorneys were recognized with honors at the GCR Awards and the Antitrust Writing Awards. These recognitions reflect our continued commitment to excellence in antitrust law and thought leadership in the field. Our attorneys also moderated and participated in a range of panels, offering valuable insights on key industry topics. Read more below as Axinn associates share their key takeaways and reflections from the conference.

Viewpoints from the Week

- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Antitrust Under Trump: Redo of the First Term, or Something New?
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: AG Antitrust Enforcement: “State” of Play
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Considerations on Data Privacy and AI Usage for Healthcare Companies
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Bridging Moats: Targeting Monopoly Entrenchment
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Examining Algorithmic Pricing Tools
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Merger Trials: Winning Strategies
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Pharma Under the Antitrust Microscope
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Has Competition in the U.S. Been Declining?
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: The Future of Healthcare Mergers
- Axinn Associates at the Antitrust Spring Meeting: Enforcers’ Roundtable

A Winning Team!

2025 Global Competition Review Awards

Partner Bradley Justus has been named “Lawyer of the Year: Under 40” and our work on the Google Ad Tech matter was...

2025 Concurrences Antitrust Writing Awards

Axinn is proud to announce that three of our articles won Concurrences...

Thought-Provoking Panels

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Pharma Under the Antitrust Microscope



Lisl J. Dunlop
Partner

As agency investigations and new merger guidelines continue to focus antitrust on the pharmaceutical ecosystem, panelists discussed legal and economic aspects of newer, less explored antitrust theories such as alleged harm from reduced innovation, bundled rebates, inappropriate patent listings, and self-preferencing PBM practices.

The FTC, DOJ, European Commission, and CMA have focused on monopolists' exclusionary tactics such as "moat-building" and entrenchment. Panelists discussed recent enforcement actions to understand the trends in U.S., EU, and UK approach to monopoly entrenchment and moat-building.

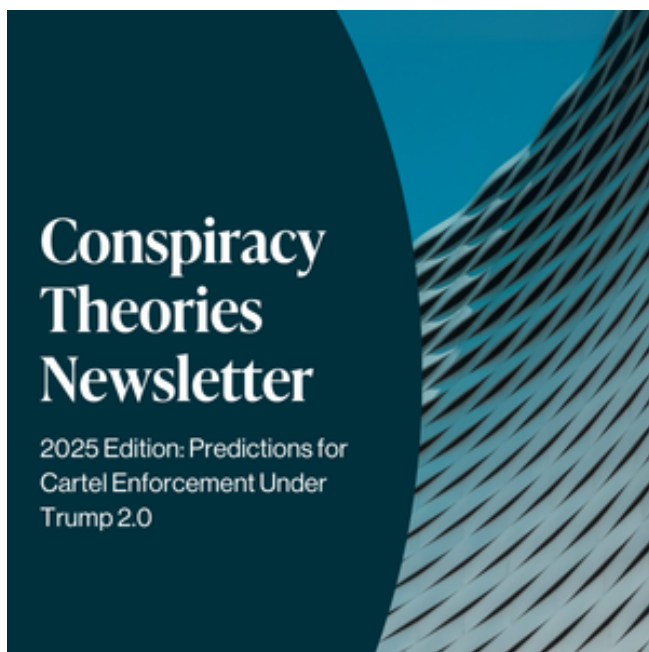


Many believe that the U.S. economy has suffered from widespread decline in competitiveness, measured by increasing concentration or markups. Panelists discussed what the empirical evidence shows, and what the implications are for antitrust policy.

What Sets Us Apart

- Our 70+ full-time antitrust lawyers represent the world's biggest corporations, including many of the Fortune 500
- Our track record of obtaining global clearance of combinations of significant rivals has built Axinn's reputation as a "go-to" firm for strategic mergers and acquisitions
- We are lead defense counsel to some of the world's largest companies in high-stakes treble damages, class action, and multi-district litigations, as well as federal and state investigations
- Our lawyers have defended companies and individuals in the largest price-fixing investigations of the last decade, and include former federal prosecutors and Antitrust Division leaders overseeing the Division's criminal investigations, trials, and policy
- We combine our extensive experience before antitrust agencies around the world with our strategic agility and the ability to develop and present sophisticated econometric arguments
- Our team includes a broad range of experience in government, in-house, and private practice, ensuring a comprehensive, multifaceted, and bespoke approach to our clients' needs

Antitrust Law in Action: Transactions and Cartels



High-Stakes Experience

M&A

- Represented VMware as global lead antitrust counsel in its \$69 billion acquisition by Broadcom, one of the most significant and challenging tech deals in recent times
 - Represented Ball Corporation in the \$5.6 billion sale of its aerospace division to BAE Systems, helping to secure the fastest clearance of a defense deal in which a U.S. antitrust agency investigated and issued a Second Request
 - Represented Thermo Fisher Scientific in its \$3.1 billion acquisition of Olink Holding
 - Represented Dell in its \$67 billion acquisition of EMC
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Select Honors

Global Competition Review

- Firm of the Year (x3)
 - Matter of the Year
 - Behavioral Matter of the Year
 - Lawyer of the Year
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Chambers and Partners

- Shortlisted for Antitrust Firm of the Year
 - Global, Nationwide, DC, New York, and California rankings
 - Litigation: General Commercial (Connecticut)
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Benchmark Litigation

- Dispute Resolution (Recommended Firm)
 - Ranked as a Multi-State Firm
 - Recognized Nationwide, Connecticut, DC, and New York
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Litigation

- Axinn serves as Google's go-to antitrust counsel in the headline-making litigations (including current cases against the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general, private class plaintiffs, the *Daily Mail* and *Gannett*)
 - Axinn is defending Tyson Foods in multiple treble-damages class action litigations alleging industry-wide conspiracies to raise the prices of broiler chickens, pork, and turkey, as well as a conspiracy to depress broiler chicken grower pay
 - Represented the Florida Association of Realtors, the largest state association of realtors in the U.S., as lead counsel in an antitrust class action, defending against conspiracy allegations to fix real estate commissions
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Legal 500

- Antitrust Cartel, Civil Litigation/Class Actions: Defense, and Merger Control
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Cartels & 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
 - Defense of multiple clients in criminal auto parts and air cargo cartel investigations
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Explore Our Other Practices

Focusing on antitrust, intellectual property, and high-stakes litigation, our extensive teams in the U.S. possess deep knowledge and client-side experience across a range of sectors, including technology, healthcare, life sciences, and consumer products.

Intellectual Property	Litigation & Trials
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