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SPOTLIGHT

"Jimmy Attridge is a rising star in the cartel bar. He has served in various roles at DOJ, providing him with a unique perspective in cartel cases." – The Legal 500 United States 2023

"Jimmy Attridge is an exceptional cartel lawyer who helps clients navigate any issue before the enforcement authorities" – The Legal 500 United States 2023

PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust

EDUCATION

JD – Georgetown University Law Center (2011)

BA – Dartmouth College (2007)

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Virginia

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

US District Court District of Columbia

US District Court Eastern District of Virginia

PROFILE

James Attridge, a former Antitrust Division Chief of Staff, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, and federal prosecutor, counsels clients in cartel investigations, antitrust litigation, and complex merger reviews. Having most recently acted as the Antitrust Division's Chief of Staff during the Biden Administration and Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division across multiple administrations, Jimmy draws on first-hand government experience to provide a strategic and comprehensive perspective on a wide range of government investigations and litigation.

His unique background in government and private practice has given Jimmy the insight and extensive experience needed to advise clients on antitrust compliance, cartel investigations and defense, and follow-on civil litigation. He also counsels those interacting with the Antitrust Division in the range of areas where the Division has committed to heightened enforcement, such as merger reviews and civil conduct investigations.

During his time at the Department of Justice, Jimmy served as a criminal prosecutor and in a variety of leadership roles at the Antitrust Division. As Chief of Staff, he was a key advisor on policy changes, investigations, and enforcement efforts. He managed a team of advisors, oversaw work product ranging from articles to speeches, and represented the Division with fellow antitrust enforcers and within the Department of Justice. As Counsel, Jimmy advised the Division's senior leadership team on a record-high docket of criminal investigations and ongoing litigation, including scores of recommendations to open investigations, resolve investigations, grant leniency, and seek indictments. Jimmy also implemented policy changes to bring criminal charges for collusion in the labor markets, to incentivize and assess corporate compliance, and to create the

Procurement Collusion Strike Force, an interagency effort to detect and prosecute cartels and fraud affecting government procurement.

Prior to his government service, Jimmy practiced in the antitrust department of a large, global law firm. His practice focused on criminal investigations, civil litigation, civil investigations, and merger reviews. Following law school, he was a law clerk for the Honorable Liam O'Grady of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. During law school, Jimmy was a Charles H. March fellow and law clerk for Federal Trade Commission Chairman Jon Leibowitz.

CLERKSHIPS

- Law Clerk to the Honorable Liam O'Grady, US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association, International Cartel Task Force

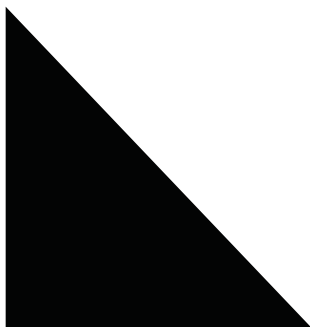
EXPERIENCE

Government

- Advised the Assistant Attorney General on policy, investigations, and enforcement amid a record-breaking number of merger filings, and ongoing investigations and litigation.
- Advised on criminal investigations and ongoing litigation for cases involving labor, public procurement, agriculture, and health care.
- Trained and engaged with antitrust enforcers around the world on cartel investigation practices and policy issues.
- Analyzed, investigated, and prosecuted violations of fraud and competition laws in industries including shipping, health care, agriculture, and real estate.
- Obtained convictions in a \$25 million bid-rigging scheme involving online auctions.

Private Practice

- Represented Corning Incorporated in the auto part criminal investigation and follow-on civil MDL.



- Represented global industrial company in an international cartel investigation involving the European Commission and number of other global enforcement agencies.
- Defended actions alleging monopolization and conspiracy, suits seeking to enjoin mergers and acquisitions, and follow-on private litigation.
- Defended pharmaceutical company in antitrust conduct investigation resulting in the government's suspension of the investigation.
- Advised parties and non-parties in global merger review in support of transactions in industries from beer to semi-conductors.

**Includes matters handled prior to joining Axinn*

HONORS

- *The Legal 500 United States (2023)*
- Federal Trade Commission Award for Meritorious Service
- Federal Trade Commission Annual Janet D. Steiger Award

