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PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust

EDUCATION

JD – Columbia Law School (2002) Honors: Stone Scholar; Public Service Fellow (2000); Semi-finalist, Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition (2001, 2002). Production Editor, Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts (2001-2002).

BA, cum laude – Columbia College (1999) Honors: Departmental Honors in Computer Science.

ADMISSIONS

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court District of Columbia

PROFILE

Russell Steinthal has experience with the full range of the group's practice, including litigation, merger-related work and corporate counseling. Russell routinely counsels clients on a wide variety of antitrust issues, ranging from cutting-edge issues at the interplay of antitrust and patent law to the intricacies of the Hart-Scott-Rodino pre-merger notification rules. In addition, he has been a lead antitrust attorney on numerous major transactions, including the $67 billion merger of AT&T and BellSouth, A&P's $679 million acquisition of Pathmark, Ball Corporation's $577 million acquisition of beverage can manufacturing plants from ABI/InBev, Bemis's $1.2 billion acquisition of Alcan Packaging Food Americas and Google's $700 million acquisition of ITA Software and its $12.5 billion acquisition of Motorola Mobility.

Russell was also the lead associate on the Axinn team that spent more than a year intensively counseling MasterCard's board of directors in the lead-up to its 2006 IPO. The IPO transformed MasterCard from a membership association of banks into a publicly-traded company and marked an important milestone in the credit card industry, which had faced a wave of antitrust challenges to its prior structure.

Russell is a member of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association. As a member of the latter's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Committee, he has spoken on well-received panels on both SEP enforcement and the antitrust issues posed by patent assertion entities.

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EXPERIENCE

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Google's $12.5 billion acquisition of Motorola Mobility
- Google's $700 million acquisition of ITA Software
- Bemis's $1.2 billion acquisition of Alcan Packaging Food Americas
- Ball Corporation's $577 million of beverage can manufacturing plants from ABI/InBev
- A&P's $679 million acquisition of Pathmark
- The $57 billion merger of AT&T and BellSouth
- The 2004 sale of Candle Corporation to IBM

Investigations and Litigation

- Represented Google and Motorola Mobility in the FTC's investigation of the latter's standard-essential patent licensing
- Represented Matlin Patterson and Vantico in a private Section 7 challenge to a hostile takeover of Vantico, brought in the Southern District of New York, as well as in a related FTC investigation
- Represent Rapid Aid, a Canadian manufacturer of hot/cold therapy products, in a Section 2 case brought against it in the District of Maryland

Counseling

- Antitrust counsel to MasterCard's Board of Directors in connection with MasterCard's reorganization and $2.4 billion IPO
- Counsel to Stanley Black & Decker on Made-in-USA compliance issues
- Counsel to multiple clients on Hart-Scott-Rodino pre-merger notification issues

HONORS

- *Chambers USA* (2015 – 2016)
- *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars (2013 – 2017)
- *Who's Who Legal*: Competition Future Leaders (2023)

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