

## Axinn Files Lawsuit to Compel Attorney General to Maintain the Confidentiality of Subpoenaed Materials

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust

Axinn has filed a landmark declaratory judgment lawsuit on behalf of Brown & Brown, Inc. against the Connecticut Attorney General. The suit asks the Court to interpret a statute providing that material subpoenaed in antitrust investigations "shall not be available for public disclosure." The Attorney General claims that the statute permits disclosure of subpoenaed materials whenever he believes it will advance his investigation or any litigation arising from it. For years, this issue has plagued companies that respond to subpoenas in Connecticut since the Attorney General's interpretation would permit trade secrets and other confidential commercial and financial information to be disclosed to competitors, customers, potential customers and the general public.