

Antitrust

The nationally recognized attorneys in the Stinson Antitrust practice have been selected to represent clients in some of the country's most significant antitrust cases, including class actions. Our antitrust cases cover various industries, including food products, chemicals, prescription drugs, agricultural markets, hospitals and other health care providers, air freight, cable television, technology and real estate brokerage, just to name a few.

Stinson represents clients in antitrust and consumer protection investigations and enforcement actions brought by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and state attorneys general. The Stinson Antitrust litigation practice includes attorneys who previously served in antitrust agencies as well as attorneys who have been asked to represent the agencies in mergers and other significant enforcement actions.

Our attorneys have an in-depth understanding of the economic issues that are at the heart of antitrust law. In addition, we regularly engage leading economists to provide expert testimony that is critical to providing the most effective advocacy for our clients.

Stinson's Litigation practice also includes leaders in e-discovery, an important aspect of document-intensive cases. Recognizing our clients' concerns over the cost of discovery, we use cutting-edge technology, including Technology Assisted Review (TAR), to substantially reduce the cost of document review and learn the important facts more quickly.

The attorneys in our Antitrust practice also counsel clients to comply with the antitrust laws when entering into mergers or joint ventures or engaging in other activities that may raise antitrust issues. We prepare merger filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and represent merging parties throughout the merger review process. We also provide counseling on other business practices, including exclusivity agreements and trade association activities.

CAPABILITIES

Litigation services and counseling are provided in all facets of antitrust law. These include:

- Administrative litigation at both federal and state levels.

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- Advertising and promotional services.
- Compliance and monitoring programs.
- Consumer protection issues.
- Corporate and individual conduct impacted by criminal and civil antitrust laws.
- Franchising and distribution agreements.
- Intellectual property issues.
- Investigations by the FTC, Justice Department and state agencies.
- Licensing agreements.
- Merger, acquisition and joint venture structuring/analysis.
- Monopoly concerns.
- Price-fixing, bid rigging and price discrimination.
- Pricing and marketing.
- Restraint of trade.
- Trade association activities.
- Vendor/customer agreements.

EXPERIENCE

Stinson attorneys have experience representing companies in investigating and defending antitrust claims in a wide variety of industries. Our experience includes:

Pork antitrust litigation. We represent a defendant in a group of class action antitrust lawsuits brought in the federal district court in Minnesota. The lawsuits allege that pork producers conspired to reduce the supply of pork in an effort to drive up the price.

Broiler chicken antitrust litigation. We represent a chicken producer in a group of class action and individual lawsuits pending in the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago). The lawsuits allege that producers of "broilers" conspired to reduce the supply of chicken in an effort to drive up the price.

Pharmaceutical patent settlement antitrust litigation. We defended a major pharmaceutical manufacturer against antitrust allegations arising from the settlement of patent litigation.

Brand name prescription drug antitrust litigation. We represented a major pharmaceutical manufacturer who, along with a number of other manufacturers, was sued in federal and state courts for alleged antitrust violations in determining the price of brand name prescription drugs.

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Dairy antitrust litigation. We represented the CEO of the largest dairy cooperative in the world in a collection of class action lawsuits alleging price suppression conspiracies and a conspiracy to monopolize.

Egg products antitrust litigation. We represent a defendant in a collection of class action and individual antitrust lawsuits brought against egg producers, egg products companies and other entities. In this multidistrict proceeding, consolidated in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the plaintiffs allege that egg producers conspired to reduce the supply of shell eggs in an effort to drive up the price.

NCAA logo antitrust litigation. We defended the NCAA against allegations that its bylaws limiting the use of logos on athletic apparel violated federal antitrust and state laws.

Restaurant alcohol discount pricing litigation. We represented a trade association in obtaining the dismissal of an antitrust case alleging a conspiracy among restaurants and others to eliminate certain types of promotional discounts in the sale of alcoholic beverages.

FTC cable TV investigation. We represented a cable television service provider in a FTC investigation into whether terms of franchises with municipalities were anticompetitive. The investigation closed without action taken.

DOJ criminal investigation. We represented a food company in a Justice Department investigation regarding possible collusion among competitors. The investigation closed without action taken.

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RELATED CAPABILITIES

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Aviation & Aerospace

Business Policyholder Insurance Coverage

Class Action

Health Care & Life Sciences

Health Care Litigation

Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

Securities Litigation, Arbitration & Enforcement Actions

Transportation

White Collar Criminal Defense & Special Investigations

NEWS

Dulani, Warr Examine Antitrust Risks Caused by AI Use in *Bloomberg Law* Column

04.12.2024

Jeetander Dulani Discusses Biden's Antitrust Policies, Diversity in Competition Law on The Legal 500 Podcast

03.25.2024

Dulani, Ebner Detail Ways to Mitigate Antitrust Risk for Public-Private Joint Ventures in *Law360*

01.25.2024

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Bloomberg Law Features Goldberg's Insight on Alaska-Hawaiian Airline Deal

01.05.2024

Murdock Discusses Firm Growth, Future Plans with *Kansas City Business Journal*

11.06.2023

Best Lawyers® Recognizes Stinson in "Best Law Firms" Report

11.02.2023

FTC, DOL Coordination on Antitrust Enforcement Examined by Dulani, Kearney in *Law360*

10.27.2023

Law360 Highlights Expansion of DC Office, Overall Firm Growth

10.23.2023

Stinson's Dulani Provides Guidance for Companies as Regulators' Antitrust Scrutiny Increases

10.11.2023

Stinson Attorneys Recognized in the 17th Edition of *Benchmark Litigation*

10.05.2023

Collaborative ESG Efforts, Antitrust Risk Examined by Dulani, Smith in *Bloomberg Law*

09.27.2023

Goldberg Discusses Government Antitrust Scrutiny of Airline Mergers in the *New York Law Journal*

08.30.2023

Best Lawyers in America Names 10 Stinson Attorneys as "Lawyer of the Year"

08.17.2023

Dulani Explores His Past, Details Current and Future Goals in *FTCWatch* Article

08.09.2023

Dulani Further Examines Changes to Premerger Notification Rules in *Bloomberg Law* Column

07.21.2023

Stinson Antitrust Attorneys Examine Proposed Changes to Premerger Notification Rules in *The Legal Intelligencer*

07.14.2023

Cicala, Corcoran Examine the Intersection of Sports, Economics and Geopolitics of PGA Tour/LIV Golf Merger

07.12.2023

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Law360 Highlights Jeetander Dulani's Lateral Move to Stinson in DC

06.08.2023

Antitrust and False Claims Act Attorney Jeetander Dulani Joins Stinson in DC

06.05.2023

Chambers USA 2023 Legal Guide Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups

06.05.2023

Asp, Warr Further Examine FTC's Proposed "Click to Cancel" Rule in Missouri Lawyers Media Article

05.17.2023

Asp, Warr Examine FTC's Proposed "Click to Cancel" Rule in *Bloomberg Law*

04.14.2023

U.S. News, Best Lawyers® Recognizes Stinson in "Best Law Firms" Report

11.03.2022

Noteboom, Schwingler Recognized as Powerful Business Litigators in Minnesota

10.27.2022

Stinson Attorneys Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2022 40 & Under Hot List

08.08.2022

The 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups

06.02.2022

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Selects Stinson Attorneys for 2022 Fellows and Pathfinder Program

02.17.2022

Stinson Recognized Among the Top National Law Firms in 2022 Best Law Firms Ranking

11.05.2021

Stinson Attorneys Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2021 40 & Under Hot List

07.28.2021

Chambers USA Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups Nationwide

05.25.2021

Roy Goldberg Discusses Boeing's DOJ Settlement with the *Wall Street Journal*

01.15.2021

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Stinson Recognized Among Top National Firms in 2021 Best Law Firms Ranking

11.05.2020

Roy Goldberg Quoted in *Wall Street Journal* Article on Challenges to Currency Manipulation and Other Unfair Trade Practices by China

10.14.2020

Nineteen Stinson Attorneys Named 2021 Lawyers of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America*

08.18.2020

Stinson Attorneys Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2020 40 & Under Hot List

07.21.2020

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2020 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars

07.20.2020

Chambers USA Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups Nationwide

04.29.2020

EVENTS

2023 Business Law Update

03.02.2023

PUBLICATIONS

DOJ and FTC's Aggressive Antitrust Enforcement Agenda Set to Continue

04.23.2024

HSR Act Threshold Update

01.24.2024

FTC and DOJ Announce Final Merger Guidelines

12.20.2023

FTC and DOJ Propose Overhaul of Merger Guidelines

07.20.2023

FTC and DOJ Propose Overhaul of Merger Filings

06.28.2023

FTC Publishes Revised Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds for 2023

01.30.2023

In Wake of COVID-19 Pandemic, U.S. Department of Justice Coronavirus-Related Prosecutions Heat Up

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