

Antitrust

Overview

The explosive growth of technology and global markets has spurred increased competition across industries and product categories. Simultaneously, the volume and complexity of the antitrust and trade regulation laws governing competition continuously evolve. In this climate, aggressive legal representation that contemplates all aspects of antitrust law is critical to effectively defending – or pursuing – such claims.

Munsch Hardt's Litigation practice is comprised of sophisticated antitrust and competition attorneys. Our team tirelessly represents clients in every area, from criminal and civil investigations conducted by federal and state agencies to large-scale antitrust class actions, arbitrations and appeals. By taking the time to clearly explain risks and challenges associated with such matters, our clients are able to make informed decisions based on their unique business objectives.

Publicly- and privately-held companies from all industries and in all stages of growth turn to Munsch Hardt for sophisticated advice and counsel. Our in-depth experience with key players in the banking and financial institutions, energy, health care, insurance, manufacturing, technology, telecommunications and transportation industries position our Antitrust attorneys to produce favorable and cost-effective results, whether through early case dismissals, other dispositive motions, strategic settlements or trials.

In addition to understanding the complexities of antitrust law, we know our clients' businesses. This enables us to advise on antitrust matters as they relate to the following issues:

- Bid-rigging investigations
- Dealer and distribution practices
- Extensions of consumer credit
- Franchising and licensing agreements
- Intellectual property
- Interlocking directorates
- Joint ventures and merger transactions
- Monopolization
- Price fixing and marketing practices
- Unfair competition

Experience

Antitrust Litigation: Manufacturing

Represented a global medical device manufacturer defending antitrust claims in the district of Colorado.

Antitrust Litigation: Energy

Represented a midstream asset company in a dispute with a leading provider of midstream services, in which the service provider ended a facilities-sharing agreement between the two companies in an effort to stifle competition in the local market. Munsch Hardt filed a complaint asking for a temporary restraining order (TRO), which alleged the service provider was using its monopoly position as an essential facility to deny the asset company access to the fractionation market. Munsch Hardt alleged that the service provider hoped to capture the asset company's contracts with offshore producers for its facility at the same location. At the TRO hearing, after strong encouragement by the judge, the service provider agreed to a temporary arrangement to take the asset company's raw mix natural gas liquids so that a hearing could be held. After expedited discovery the matter was resolved before the temporary injunction hearing.

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