

Antitrust and Competition

WilmerHale is a leading antitrust and competition practice in the United States and Europe. Our lawyers have secured antitrust clearance for hundreds of complex mergers; litigated numerous antitrust claims, including at trial and on appeal; counseled clients in agency investigations across industry sectors; and helped clients avoid fines and prison terms in many cartel investigations.

PRACTICE AT A GLANCE

- **Global Competition Review (GCR)** repeatedly ranks our practice in the “Top 20 Global Elite” and has distinguished the practice for its “ever-impressive antitrust team.”
- **Law360** named WilmerHale a 2024 Competition Group of the Year, in recognition of the firm’s litigation wins and clearance for major deals.
- **Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business** recognizes WilmerHale as a leading global antitrust practice.
- **Legal 500** has repeatedly ranked our antitrust practice and attorneys in the United States, Belgium and Germany.

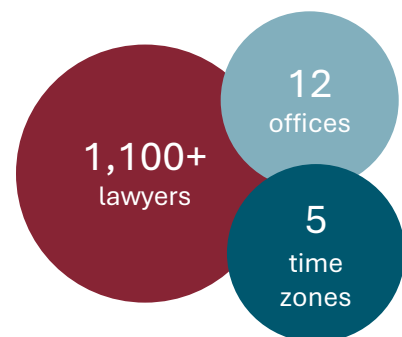
We know the government, and the government knows us. Members of our antitrust team have worked on the most complex matters as leaders in government agencies and legislative bodies, and have served in numerous governmental positions, including as Chief Trial Counsel of the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) Bureau of Competition and Chief Counsel of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Economic and Commercial Law. Our seasoned private practitioners have decades of experience within the government and facing governmental agencies in the United States and abroad. Our European team includes members who have served as Federal Minister of Transport for Germany and Chair of the Committee of European Affairs for Bundestag, the German parliament. We draw from a deep bench of regulatory subject matter experts from across the firm’s State Attorneys General (AG) Practice, which includes former leaders from Republican and Democratic state AGs, as well as our Strategic Response and Public Policy practices, to help our clients navigate regulatory challenges such as congressional inquiries. Clients turn to WilmerHale for high-level substantive expertise combined with our ability to provide bipartisan, multidisciplinary and multibranch services to our clients.

115

Fortune 500 companies
WilmerHale has litigated
for in the past five years

45

Cases litigated by our antitrust
lawyers since 2024



EXPERIENCE

- **Cartels:** Whether seeking and obtaining leniency or contesting allegations, we handle Department of Justice (DOJ), European Commission (EC) and European national authority cartel investigations and related litigation. Our experience includes compliance, litigation, guiding clients through the antitrust leniency program, responding to grand jury subpoenas, and otherwise navigating communications with the antitrust authorities to avoid or minimize liability.
- **Litigation:** We represent clients across the United States, United Kingdom and Europe in antitrust litigation, having compiled a remarkable record of resolving antitrust claims through summary disposition, at trial and on appeal against both private and government plaintiffs. In Europe, we have litigated against the EC and national competition authorities before European and Member State courts.
- **Mergers:** We represent companies in some of the most contentious and complex transactions to come before the authorities for merger review. In the past five years, we have advised on over 150 US HSR reviews worth over \$100 billion. Our team spans the globe and can ably handle simultaneous filings across multiple jurisdictions, including before the FTC, the EC, the UK Competition and Markets Authority and other antitrust authorities. We are also adept at navigating FDI and CFIOUS reviews, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements, and mitigating potential national security risks associated with cross-border transactions.

RECENT EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

- We successfully represented **T-Mobile** and **Deutsche Telekom** at trial in the landmark antitrust challenge brought by state AGs seeking to enjoin the proposed \$26 billion merger between T-Mobile and Sprint. The case represents the first time that state AGs have challenged a national merger after the merger received approval from both the DOJ and the Federal Communications Commission. In addition, our team prepared T-Mobile's CEO for congressional testimony related to the merger.
- We represented private equity firm **Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (WCAS)** in an unprecedented FTC litigation over alleged conduct by one of its portfolio companies, which was also a defendant. The court granted our motion to dismiss the FTC's claims against WCAS.
- We advised **Danaher Corporation** on its agreement with General Electric to acquire GE Life Sciences for a purchase price of \$21.4 billion. Our work led to full approval of the transaction by the FTC, the EC, and the Brazilian, Chinese, Israeli, Japanese, Korean and Russian antitrust authorities.
- We achieved a precedent-setting trial victory for **DaVita** in the first-ever trial of a criminal labor market allocation case brought by the DOJ. In April 2022, a federal jury acquitted both the company and its former CEO, Kent Thiry on all charges. This closely watched federal trial was the first involving a company or individual criminally charged for so-called no-poach labor agreements since the DOJ first raised the prospect of criminal prosecution of this conduct in 2016.

For more information, please contact:

Hartmut Schneider — Chair, Antitrust and Competition Practice | +1 202 631 7726 | hartmut.schneider@wilmerhale.com

Jennifer Milici — Vice Chair, Antitrust and Competition Practice | +1 202 663 6006 | jennifer.milici@wilmerhale.com

Prof. Dr. Hans-Georg Kamann — Vice Chair, Antitrust and Competition Practice | +49 69 27 10 78 204 | hans-georg.kamman@wilmerhale.com

CLIENT SECTORS

- Artificial Intelligence
- Consumer Goods
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Healthcare
- Manufacturing
- Media and Telecommunications
- Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences
- Technology
- Transportation



**Ranked in *Chambers USA*
and *Legal 500***