

Antitrust Counseling

The attorneys in our antitrust practice counsel clients regarding all of the legal aspects involved with business combination and competition issues on both the state and federal levels. These engagements may involve mergers, acquisitions, distribution and supplier agreements, non-competition agreements and other issues that trigger antitrust concerns.

Our practice is led by attorneys Ralph Breitfeller and Robert Cohen. Breitfeller is a former assistant chief of the Ohio Attorney General's Office Antitrust Section and was honored by U.S News & World Report as the 2013 "Lawyer of the Year" for antitrust counsel in Columbus. Cohen, chair of the firm's litigation department, was recently selected by the same publication as "Lawyer of the Year" for antitrust litigation in Columbus and also contributed to the creation of the Ohio State Bar Association's Valentine Act monograph, regarding Ohio's antitrust law.

Our Services

- + Creating and managing non-compete agreements
- + Drafting distribution agreements, including those with exclusive territories, areas of primary responsibility and other restrictions
- + Counseling with respect to issues involving internet sales and e-commerce
- + Advice regarding minimum and maximum retail pricing, competitive pricing agreements, and policies and practices to avoid price-fixing, bid rigging, tying, and price discrimination
- + Hart-Scott-Rodino counseling
- + Information exchanges
- + Intellectual property issues
- + Managing global business combinations
- + Understanding exemptions to the antitrust laws
- + Providing opinion letters with respect to particular practices or policies
- + Creating compliance manuals, policies and best practices
- + Conducting training to assure compliance with the antitrust laws

Our Clients

Our antitrust attorneys work with clients of all sizes that are involved in a broad spectrum of industry and organizational activities. Whether domestic or international in nature, businesses involved in mergers and acquisitions work closely with our antitrust lawyers to better understand their legal obligations and the inherent risk management issues involved in these transactions.

Contact Us

For more information on our antitrust counseling services, please contact Ralph Breitfeller or Robert Cohen.

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