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Joe Antel is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office, focused on antitrust and competition law.

Areas of Practice

Joe represents clients in antitrust and competition matters involving merger reviews, civil and criminal government investigations, and antitrust litigation. He has represented parties in a variety of industries, including technology, aerospace, consumer goods, waste management, manufacturing, retail, health care, pharmaceuticals, and oil and gas.

Before joining Sheppard Mullin, he practiced antitrust law at a boutique firm in New York and an international law firm in Washington, D.C., representing clients in a number of high-profile mergers and litigations, including obtaining summary judgment for Stanley Black & Decker in a Section 1 litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and advising Marathon Petroleum in connection with its \$23.3 billion acquisition of Andeavor.

Prior to that, Joe served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's office where he litigated *New York v. Actavis plc, et al.*, a Section 2 "product hopping" case. While at the AG's office, he was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award in recognition of superior service on behalf of the People of the State of New York. He also worked as a Securities and Financial Fraud Intern in the Fraud Section for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Joe is a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, helping veterans with legal issues such as obtaining discharge upgrades before military discharge review boards, as well as volunteering at the Landlord Tenant Resource Center, which provides free legal information to unrepresented landlords and tenants who have residential housing disputes in the District of Columbia.

Honors

"Ones to Watch," *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025

Washington, D.C. Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2023-2024

Louis J. Lefkowitz Award, State of New York

Experience

Select Representations

- Represented a leading international technology company in successfully resolving a non-public civil antitrust investigation by a state attorney general.
- Advised Speedway LLC in obtaining regulatory clearance from the Federal Trade Commission in connection with multiple gasoline and convenience store acquisitions.
- Represented Marathon Petroleum Corp. in its \$23.3 billion acquisition of Andeavor to create a leading U.S. refining, marketing, and midstream company.
- Advised an advertising firm facing investigation by the Department of Justice Antitrust Division regarding alleged cartel activity in the advertising industry, resulting in the company and its executives being cleared of all charges.
- Obtained summary judgment for Stanley Black & Decker, defeating a nine-figure antitrust claim alleging that it and other table saw manufacturers engaged in a group boycott of table saw safety technology.
- Represented Ball Corporation in successfully obtaining global regulatory clearance for its \$6.85 billion acquisition of Rexam PLC.

Articles

- Eye on Privacy: 2024 Year in Review
01.21.2025
- Effective Competition in Digital Platform Markets: Legislative and Enforcement Trends in the EU and the US
Lexion, 2022

Antitrust Law Blog Posts

- "FTC, DOJ, and HHS Announce Interagency Initiatives to Promote Healthcare Competition," December 12, 2023
- "Federal Trade Commission Focused on Right to Repair Restrictions," October 5, 2022
- "Sixth Circuit Questions Efficacy of State "Certificate of Need" Laws, Question Whether Reduces Competition," March 7, 2022
- "Back to the "Good Old Days": FTC Announces Return to Prior Merger Approval Regime," November 1, 2021

Energy Law Blog

- "Federal Trade Commission Petitioned To Investigate Electric Utilities," May 24, 2022

Privacy & Cybersecurity: Eye on Privacy Blog Posts

- "NIST Expands Cybersecurity Framework with Release of Version 2.0," March 18, 2024

Podcasts & Webinars

Healthcare and Life Sciences Antitrust – The Year in Review and a Look Ahead to What You Need to Know for 2022

02.24.2022

Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Governmental

Private Civil Antitrust Litigation

Industries

Artificial Intelligence

Education

J.D., Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2013, *cum laude*

B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2009

Admissions

New York

District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York