

A close-up photograph of a hand moving a light-colored chess king piece on a checkered board. In the background, other chess pieces are visible, including a dark king and several pawns. The image is overlaid with a blue and purple geometric graphic in the top right corner.

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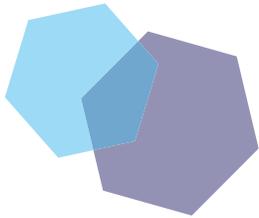
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Antitrust / Competition

Bracewell's antitrust/competition practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, counseling and litigation. We have experience with all facets of antitrust review of transactions, including preparing Hart-Scott-Rodino filings, responding to voluntary information requests and civil investigative demands, complying with "Second Requests," representing clients in depositions and investigational hearings, and, where necessary, negotiating remedies with agency staff to resolve competitive concerns while preserving the benefits of the transaction. Our experience spans industries including oil and gas, electric power, chemicals, waste services, consumer goods, healthcare, technology, financial services, construction materials and agriculture. We represent clients before the Federal Trade Commission, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ), state attorneys general, and foreign antitrust authorities to ensure that all necessary legal requirements are met in a timely manner.

We assist clients with the antitrust considerations arising out of information exchanges in connection with mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, including due diligence, premerger integration planning activities, and post-transaction information sharing among joint venture partners. We also counsel clients in their day-to-day operations and work closely with them to develop and implement antitrust training and compliance programs. In addition, our antitrust litigators represent clients in investigations and litigation involving price fixing, bid rigging, group boycotts, monopolization, tying, and claims based on state unfair competition statutes. Our antitrust experts also work closely with the firm's white collar lawyers, representing companies under criminal investigation by DOJ.



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— The Legal 500 United States (2016)

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Great Plains Energy Inc.

\$12.2 billion acquisition of Westar Energy, the largest deal in the U.S. electricity distribution market in 2016

Phillips 66

exchange of Phillips Specialty Products Inc. to Berkshire Hathaway Inc. for shares of Phillips 66 stock held by Berkshire Hathaway affiliates, valued at approximately \$1.4 billion

Apache Corporation

\$3.75 billion sale of Gulf of Mexico Shelf operations and assets to Fieldwood Energy LLC, an affiliate of Riverstone Holdings

Lufkin Industries, Inc.

manufacturer of oilfield equipment and industrial gearboxes, in the company’s \$3.3 billion sale to General Electric Co.

Duke Energy Corporation

\$2.8 billion sale of its Midwest merchant generation business to a subsidiary of Dynegy Inc., which includes ownership interests in 11 power plants with a total capacity of approximately 6,100 MW, as well as Duke’s competitive retail electric and gas business; Platts Global Energy Awards, 2015 Strategic Deal of the Year

Southern Waste Systems, LLC and Sun Recycling LLC

sale of residential, commercial, and industrial solid waste collection, processing/recycling and transfer operations and assets to Waste Management Inc. of Florida

The Sterling Group LP

acquisition of Tomkins Industries, Inc.; of Dexter Axle Company, a leading designer and manufacturer of trailer axles and brakes; and in Dexter Axle’s acquisition of AL-KO Vehicle Technology to form DexKo Global Inc.

National computer manufacturer

a series of federal court cases brought by independent dealers throughout the United States, alleging a variety of antitrust violations as well as common law causes of action; achieved summary judgment dismissing one complaint, and preliminary injunction against dealer’s copying of software in another

International tobacco company

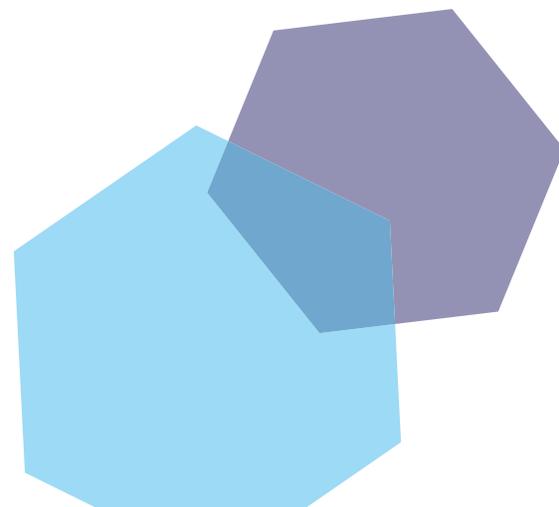
nationwide antitrust litigation and related criminal charges, resulting in dismissal of client’s indictment

Online retailer

criminal antitrust investigation conducted by the DOJ, which was the first of its kind federal criminal antitrust prosecution involving online sales

International aviation company

criminal antitrust investigation, resulting in no charges



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