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## TOP ANTITRUST LAWYERS 2024



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Leveraging his Department of Justice background to navigate complex competition matters, Jeff VanHooreweghe guides clients through an increasingly intricate regulatory landscape as vice chair of Wilson Sonsini's antitrust group in San Francisco.

His practice, which encompasses civil litigation and criminal investigations, reflects the evolving nature of antitrust enforcement.

Currently, VanHooreweghe is lead counsel in Seagate Technology's litigation against component suppliers, a case before the 9th Circuit that may establish significant precedent regarding the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act. *Seagate Technology LLC et al v. Headway Technologies, Inc. et al*, 3:20-cv-01217 (N.D. Cal. 2023).

He also represents Continental Tire in multidistrict litigation concerning alleged price-fixing in the automotive sector. In re: Passenger Vehicle Replacement Tires Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 3107.

"The expansion of criminal antitrust enforcement into new areas creates opportunities for novel legal arguments," VanHooreweghe observes, noting the increasing complexity of both private and public enforcement actions.

VanHooreweghe's influence extends beyond individual cases. He oversees a group of nearly 20 partners and has implemented structural changes to enhance associate development. He also

co-chairs the firm's cartel sub-practice and serves on both the partner nominating and firmwide hiring committees.

His practice encompasses significant confidential matters, including representing a major semiconductor company in global leniency applications and advising Fortune 500 corporations on Department of Justice investigations. He has also developed expertise in emerging antitrust issues, such as interlocking directorate compliance and "no-poach" agreements.

"It is an exciting time to be a 'criminal antitrust lawyer' in the United States, as the types of cases being brought are pushing the lines of 'what is criminal.' It makes for creative advocacy," he said. "It is also exciting to be an antitrust litigator, as private and public enforcement continues to be aggressive."

VanHooreweghe maintains an active pro bono practice, focusing particularly on environmental, social, and governance organizations facing antitrust scrutiny. His work in this area demonstrates the intersection of competition law with broader corporate responsibility initiatives.