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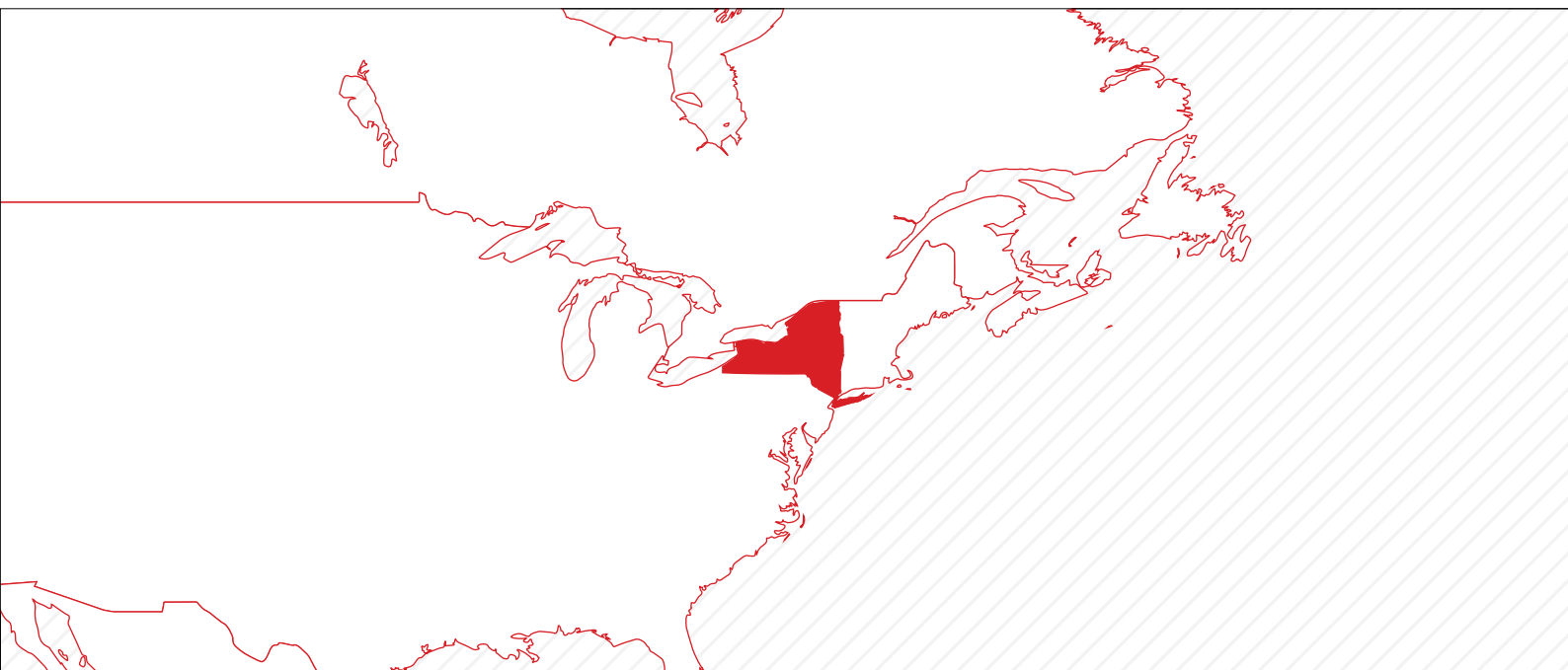
Global head	Scott Sher
No. of jurisdictions with a GCR-ranked competition team	2
Practice size	57
Partners	16
Counsel	9
Percentage of partners/counsel in <i>Who's Who Legal</i>	28%
Associates	32
Lateral partner hires	0
Partner departures	0
Former senior enforcers who are partners/counsel	15

Despite only being ranked in two GCR jurisdictions, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati sits squarely inside the top 15 global antitrust practices. The team remained steady over the past year, without any partner hires or departures. Its strength lies in the number of former senior enforcers among the partners and counsel: 15 out of 25, or 60%. Wilson Sonsini has excelled in its non-cartel government-facing work, but it also jumped into the top 10 for cartel work this past year.

The vast majority of the firm's cartel work is confidential, but it is advising a consumer electronics company in relation to an immunity application in six major jurisdictions including the EU, where it has secured immunity. Wilson Sonsini also successfully obtained immunity for a consumer products company in the US, and secured a 35% discount for a consumer products company applying for leniency plus. Beyond leniency applications, the firm was tied for first among all Global Elite firms for the number of times it convinced enforcers to close investigations with no action by other means. The US Department of Justice closed an investigation with no action against a fuel supply company and an ocean shipping company thanks to Wilson Sonsini; the European Commission did the same for a hardware technology company.

The firm's non-cartel behavioural work is particularly strong, albeit also mostly confidential. Clients in many industries have retained its counsel for dealing with government investigations into software licensing practices, airline ticket distribution, abuses of dominance by platforms and more. Wilson Sonsini has advised Google in its investigations in Brazil, India and the EU, and counselled Walgreens in the *1-800 Contacts* litigation before the US Federal Trade Commission's administrative tribunal. The confidential work matches this public work in sophistication and scope.

Wilson Sonsini had a good year on the merger front, including advising Pacific Biosciences through a second request from the US enforcers related to the company's proposed acquisition by Illumina. Deutsche Telekom retained Wilson Sonsini's counsel for its subsidiary T-Mobile's merger with Sprint, which remains under scrutiny by US state attorneys general at the time of writing. Some of the most interesting merger work has been the representation of ride-hailing company Careem in its proposed acquisition by Uber. Wilson Sonsini is acting for the target before the competition authorities in Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the COMESA region.



United States

New York

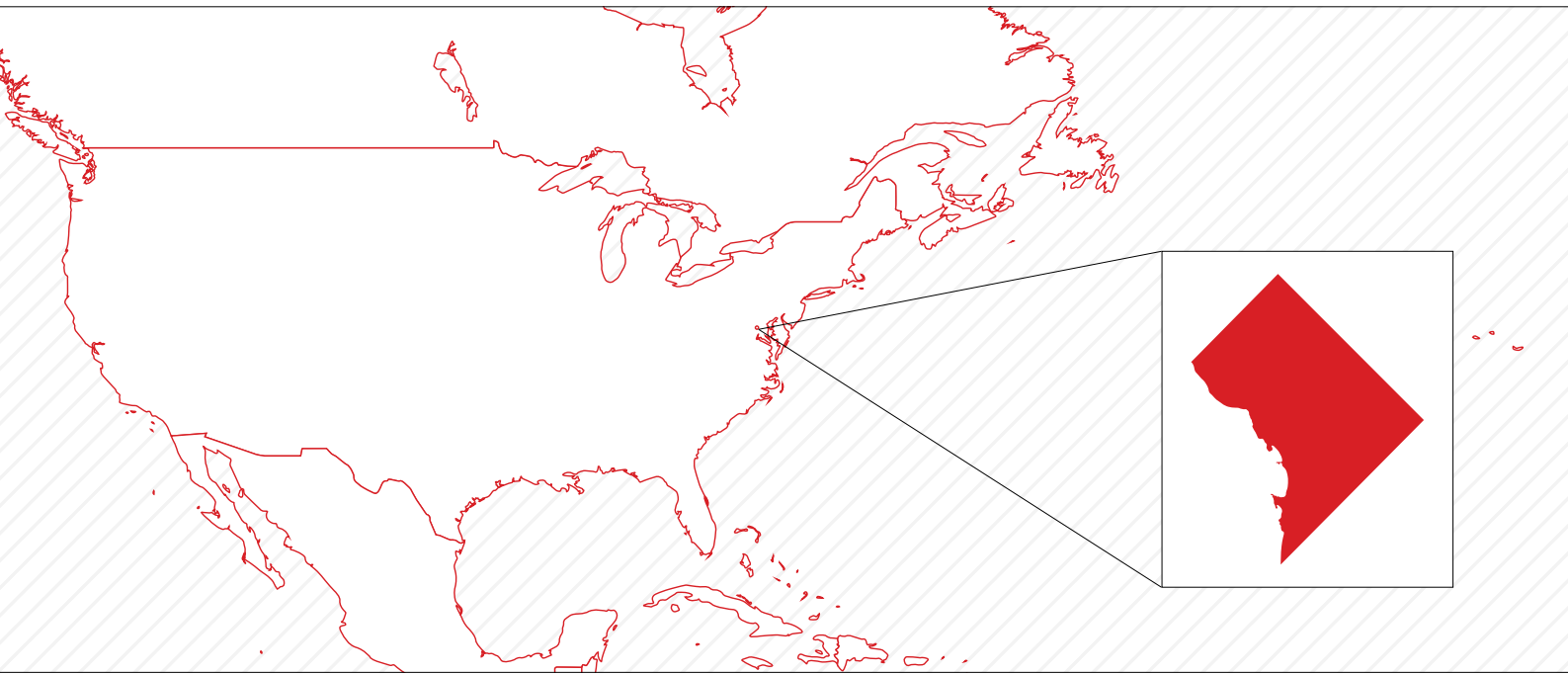
New York might not have the plethora of enforcement work that Washington, DC does, but there are plenty of deals and private litigation to keep the city's antitrust bar busy.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Jonathan Jacobson leads the New York antitrust practice at **WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI**. Four partners, one counsel and seven associates handle the high-profile workload of antitrust litigation. Jacobson worked with partners Chul Pak, Wendy Waszmer, Seth Silber and Jeffrey Bank in securing a \$59.9 million settlement on behalf of its Amphastar Pharmaceuticals. The drug maker claimed that Momenta Pharmaceuticals and Sandoz misled a pharmaceutical industry standard-setting organisation into adopting a standard that permitted the defendants to block new generic competition on Enoxaparin. The firm had brought the case back from the dead before the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati is defending Symantec against cybersecurity testing vendor NSS Labs. Before the US District Court for the Northern District of California, NSS alleges a refusal to deal among members of the Anti-Malware Testing Standards Organisation. The team is acting for Mylan in relation to the *Generic Pharmaceuticals* price-fixing litigation. The group secured the dismissal of an antitrust lawsuit brought against Google by Dreamstime.com, which alleged Google had manipulated its search results in an effort to harm the photo distribution service. The team is also acting for Walgreens as a third party in relation to the FTC's case against 1-800 Contacts, and as a defendant in relation to class actions over the agreements entered into by the contact lens retailers to settle trademark litigation.

Firm	Head(s) of competition	Size	No. WWL nominees	Clients
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED				
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Jonathan Jacobson	4 partners 1 counsel 7 associates	2	Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Symantec, Mylan, Google, Hitachi Chemical, Reckitt Benckiser, Twitter, Walgreens, Deutsche Telecom, Qualcomm, Netflix



United States

Washington, DC

Even as it undergoes generational shifts and sees a downturn in US cartel investigations, the antitrust bar in Washington, DC remains big and busy.

OUTSTANDING

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI is seen as “gangbusters on high tech”, with partner Susan Creighton a long-time antitrust lawyer for Google. But it is also very well-regarded for partner Mark Rosman’s work in cartel defence and partner Joshua Soven’s on mergers. The firm lost counsel Daniel Sokol to White & Case, but added half a dozen antitrust associates in 2019.

Soven, with the help of partner Jamillia Ferris and senior of counsel Joshua Wright, is representing Deutsche Telekom in the litigation brought by state attorneys general to challenge the merger of subsidiary T-Mobile with rival mobile network operator Sprint. The DOJ cleared the deal conditionally in July 2019 after 15 months of review, in which Soven was closely involved as well. Ferris is also lending a hand to partner Scott Sher as he advises Middle-Eastern ride-hailing app Careem in its \$3.1 billion sale to Uber. She is representing Marvell Technology in several deals, including the \$1.76 billion sale of its Wi-Fi and Bluetooth technology portfolios and related assets to NXP, and

works with Sher on Pacific Biosciences’ \$1.2 billion sale to Illumina, which is unusually being reviewed under section 2 of the Sherman Act as well as traditional merger law.

Partners Jeff Bank and Seth Silber represented Mylan Pharmaceuticals as a plaintiff alleging that Celgene has illegally used safety restrictions on the distribution of Thalomid and Revlimid as a pretext to foreclose generic competition. The case settled favourably for Mylan. The two are acting for the drug maker as a defendant in the *Generic Pharmaceutical Pricing* cases; The DOJ is also investigating Mylan, where it is represented by Rosman. Partner Franklin Rubinstein functions as global coordinating counsel for Google in a host of conduct investigations regarding products including Search, Android, AdWords, and YouTube, in the US, the EU, Canada, Latin America and Asia. In July 2019, Brazil’s Administrative Council for Economic Defence closed a probe into *Shopping*. Creighton and Soven also represent the company before the DOJ.

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