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A GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S LEADING COMPETITION LAW AND ECONOMICS PRACTICES

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Global head	Scott Sher
No. of jurisdictions with a GCR-ranked competition team	2
Practice size	49
Partners	15
Counsel	9
Percentage of partners/counsel in <i>Who's Who Legal</i>	29%
Associates	25
Lateral partner hires	2
Partner departures	0
Former senior enforcers who are partners/counsel	13

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati has had another strong year handling high-tech deals and complex behavioural cases. The antitrust team has no shortage of talent, with about half of the partners recognised in *Who's Who Legal: Competition* and several more appearing in that publication's "future leaders" section. The firm also has a strong stable of counsel, such as former US FTC member Joshua Wright and academic Danny Sokol. The team added Joshua Soven from Gibson Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, DC, and Gorka Navea in Brussels from the European Commission.

Jacobson acted for a Chinese vitamin maker before the US Supreme Court in the *Vitamin C* case, which is back on remand at the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit after the High Court held that the federal courts need not grant binding deference to foreign governments' statements about their own laws. The Wilson Sonsini team that defended the Chinese company against cartel claims filed a supplemental briefing arguing that the Second Circuit should reinstate its dismissal of the claims on comity grounds. In what was a strong year for the US practice, a Wilson Sonsini team also counselled plaintiff Amphastar Pharmaceuticals in a claim alleging that Momenta Pharmaceuticals and Sandoz engaged in anticompetitive behaviour to block generic competition to the Enoxaparin drug. Trial in the case is now scheduled for autumn 2019 after the team convinced the court in March 2018 to deny a renewed motion to dismiss.

Wilson Sonsini continues to be Google's go-to firm for competition advice and it represents the company in investigations before the European Commission, the US FTC and antitrust enforcers in Brazil, Argentina, India, Japan and Australia.

Other impressive behavioural work includes acting for InterDigital in an abuse of dominance inquiry in Taiwan regarding licensing practices. In October 2017, Wilson Sonsini convinced the Taiwanese enforcer not to take enforcement action. Other investigative work remains confidential, but the firm is instructed by many impressive clients that are tangled up in major probes around the world.

The team has also been on a roll in merger control, acting for Time Warner in its merger with AT&T and Qualcomm in Broadcom's attempted hostile takeover of the chipmaker. Brocade Communications Systems retained Wilson Sonsini for its acquisition by Broadcom, which was subject to in-depth probes in the US and China, as well as Phase I inquiries by the European Commission and Japan's Fair Trade Commission. The deal closed in November 2017 after the companies agreed a remedies package with enforcers.



United States

New York

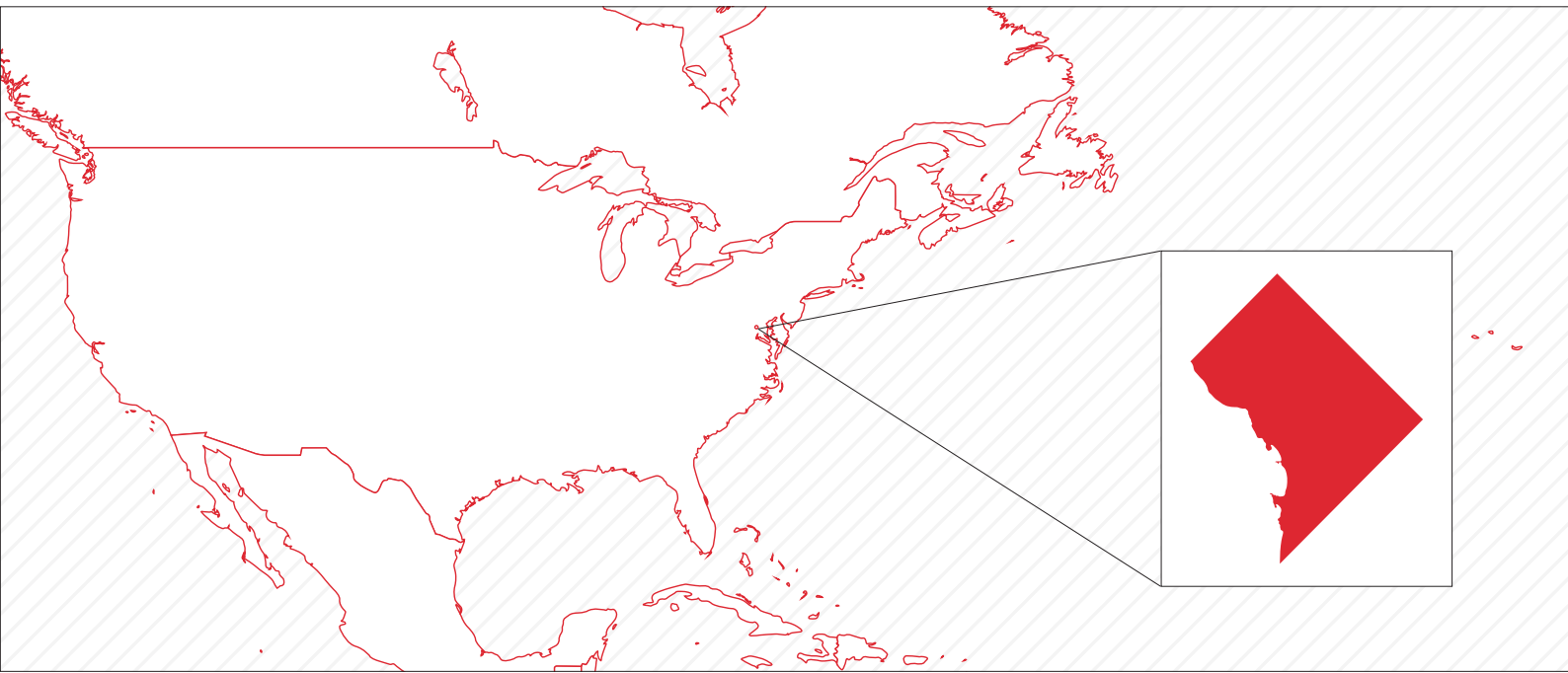
New York's antitrust bar has held strong as one of the largest in the world, while boasting some of the best deal lawyers and antitrust litigators.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Jonathan Jacobson leads the New York antitrust practice at **WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI**. Five partners and seven associates handle the high-profile workload of antitrust litigation. Jacobson argued before the Supreme Court in the *Vitamin C* case, which is back on remand at the Second Circuit after the high court held that US federal courts need not grant binding deference to foreign governments' statements about their own laws. The Wilson Sonsini team defending a Chinese vitamin maker filed supplemental briefing in August 2018 arguing that the Second Circuit should reinstate its dismissal

of the cartel claims on comity grounds. Jacobson worked with partners Chul Pak, Wendy Waszmer, Seth Silber and Jeffrey Bank in representing Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, which alleges 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. Trial in the case is scheduled for autumn 2019 after the team convinced the court in March 2018 to deny a renewed motion to dismiss.

Firm	Head(s) of competition	Size	No. WWL nominees	Clients
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Jonathan Jacobson	5 partners 7 associates	2	Google, Transitions Optical, Live Nation, iHeartMedia, The Coca-Cola Company, Micron Technology, Mylan, Netflix, Plantronics, HTC Corporation, North China Pharmaceutical Group, Hitachi Chemical, Spotify



United States Washington, DC

Washington, DC's antitrust bar saw several major moves in the past year, as the notorious revolving door of the nation's capital operated not just between government and the private antitrust bar, but also between firms.

OUTSTANDING

Observers say **WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI** is “very busy, very strong, very successful,” and quickly growing its Washington, DC practice. It added partner Joshua Soven in 2018 from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Partner Mark Rosman and cartel specialist colleagues in other offices have plenty of work for clients before the DOJ, including in the generic pharmaceuticals, auto parts, capacitors and foreign exchange investigations.

The firm's merger work particularly illustrates how it has retained its base in the technology industry while expanding into retail and other sectors. The firm represented Qualcomm in its successful defence to Broadcom's \$117 billion hostile acquisition attempt. Scott Sher represented Brocade Communication Systems in its \$5.9 billion acquisition by Broadcom, which the FTC approved with divestitures. Along with Jamillia Ferris, he also acted for online event manager Cvent in its \$1.65 billion sale to Vista Equity Partners, which the DOJ ultimately cleared unconditionally despite a second request spurred by complainants and concerns about network effects. Ferris, Sher and counsel Joshua Wright counselled FanDuel in its proposed merger with rival fantasy sports gambling site DraftKings, which

the companies dropped after the FTC sued in June 2017. Additional merger work includes advising CA Technologies in its \$18.9 billion sale to Broadcom; Acxiom in its \$2.3 billion sale to Interpublic Group; Vintage Capital in its \$1.36 billion acquisition of Rent-A-Center; and Lumentum in its \$1.8 billion acquisition of Oclaro.

Wilson Sonsini represents Mylan Pharmaceuticals in a multidistrict class action litigation where plaintiffs allege Mylan conspired with its competitors to fix prices for a number of generic pharmaceutical products. It also represents Google in a number of ongoing conduct investigations surrounding Google's various products, including Google Search, Android, AdWords and YouTube. The team has been involved in significant cartel matters as well, including successfully defending auto parts industry executives in a price-fixing investigation by the DOJ, defending a large international manufacturer of generic pharmaceuticals in a cartel investigation by the DOJ and representing a Japanese auto-parts manufacturer in a DOJ price-fixing investigation.

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OUTSTANDING				
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Susan Creighton	7 partners 7 counsel 14 associates	4	Associated Wholesale Grocers, FanDuel, Google, Groupon, HP, MasterCard, Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Netflix, Price Chopper, Qualcomm, Seagate Technology, Spotify, Twitter, Verisign, Walgreens