Wilson Sonsini’s antitrust litigation practice is ranked among the best in the world. Recent accolades include: AmLaw “Antitrust Litigation Department of the Year,” Global Competition Review – “Litigation of the Year,” “Litigation of the Year (Non-Cartel Prosecution),” and Law360 “Competition Group of the Year.”

Clients have commented in Chambers USA: “Their litigation skills are exemplary. They demonstrated unparalleled advocacy, preparation, and confidence in the courtroom.”

Wilson Sonsini’s antitrust litigation team brings a depth and diversity of antitrust litigation experience that is unmatched. Our antitrust litigators are routinely hired to represent companies such as Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Google, Hitachi Chemical, Live Nation, Mylan, Netflix, Seagate, Symantec, and Walgreens in their most important antitrust litigation matters both in the United States and around the world. Wilson Sonsini’s antitrust litigators:

- Serve as trial counsel for company plaintiffs and defendants, including a significant docket of federal class action and “follow-on” cases after government enforcement.
- Defend companies and secure dismissals or summary judgment in competitor litigation, class actions, and non-class actions.
- Negotiate favorable settlements in cases brought by individuals or class actions.
- Represent company plaintiffs in cutting-edge litigation matters brought against competitors.
- Engage in company investigations, agency-facing work, and antitrust counseling.
- Rely on substantial government experience to solve problems for clients and support their business goals.

Wilson Sonsini’s antitrust practice consistently wins cases brought under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, Robinson-Patman Act, and state competition and consumer protection statutes. We have successfully represented clients in defense of antitrust claims seeking large treble damages awards that threaten the viability of their businesses.

In addition to a successful track record in class action and treble damages cases, our attorneys have a wealth of experience in antitrust cases that raise novel and complex intellectual property issues. Our expertise, in combination with Wilson Sonsini’s unparalleled intellectual property litigation and patent law experience, has led to numerous client victories. We have represented clients in cases where we defended business practices that raised cutting-edge antitrust concerns, including claims challenging IP licensing practices, standard-setting activities, and patent pools.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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Wilson Sonsini successfully represented Netflix in a case brought by a class of subscribers that accused Netflix of conspiring with Walmart to illegally allocate and monopolize the online DVD rental market. Wilson Sonsini also obtained a dismissal of claims by Blockbuster subscribers that they were allegedly harmed by indirect effects of the same conduct.

Protected the dismissal of antitrust claims brought against Live Nation by a rival concert promoter and venue operator It’s My Party. Plaintiff claimed that Live Nation had engaged in anticompetitive tying of promotion and venue services in order to monopolize the market for concert promotion. After the lower court granted Live Nation’s motion for summary judgment, Wilson Sonsini also defended off plaintiffs’ appeal to the Fourth Circuit.

Defended Live Nation in a case brought by classes of concertgoers alleging that the company had monopolized a market for live rock concerts. Wilson Sonsini defeated class certification, and the district court’s ruling was affirmed by the Second Circuit. Wilson Sonsini then secured dismissal of claims brought by concertgoers from two cities, resulting in all plaintiffs dismissing their claims.