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FOCUS AREAS

Antitrust Civil Enforcement

Antitrust Compliance and Business Strategy

Antitrust Litigation

Antitrust Merger Clearance

Antitrust and Competition

Antitrust and Intellectual Property

Federal Trade Commission

Supreme Court and Appellate

Third-Party Merger and Non-Merger Antitrust Representation

HIGHLIGHTS

Antitrust and Regulatory Leader
As former counsel and chief of staff in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Taylor represented the United States in the first major monopolization challenge and first major vertical merger challenge brought in decades.

A Recognized Practitioner
Taylor was named a "Next Generation Partner" by *The Legal 500 U.S.* in 2022 and 2023.

EXPERIENCE

Taylor M. Owings is a partner in the New York office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she represents clients in civil merger and non-merger matters both before government agencies and in private litigation. She also counsels clients on the application of antitrust law to their business operations, with an emphasis on issues arising in technology-focused industries.

Prior to joining the firm, Taylor served in the front office of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) from 2018 to 2021, first as counsel to the Assistant Attorney General and then as chief of staff. She was a key advisor on the application of antitrust law to technology industries, including in the DOJ's review of the business practices of market-leading online platforms and in the application of antitrust law to the exercise of intellectual property rights and standard setting organizations. She was the recipient of both the Assistant Attorney General's Award and the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Taylor is intimately familiar with all phases of merger review, drawing on her direct experience reviewing mergers at the DOJ to counsel and represent clients before regulatory agencies. Her experience includes mergers involving vertical theories of harm, the acquisition of a nascent or potential competitor, and the implications of a merger for innovation and data accumulation.

Taylor also has deep experience crafting both trial and appellate strategy in headline-making antitrust and competition litigation, and has argued matters before the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the First and Fourth Circuits.

Upon leaving the DOJ in 2021, Taylor joined Baker Botts as a partner in that firm's Washington, D.C., office.

Earlier in her career, she clerked for the Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for the Honorable Richard J. Leon on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, 2013
  Order of the Coif; Senior Notes Editor, Vanderbilt Law Review*; John W. Wade Scholar; Morgan Prize; Gellhorn-Sargentich Award*
- M.Sc., London School of Economics and Political Science, 2010
- A.B., Economics, Harvard University, 2008
  Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, George Caspar Homans Prize

Associations and Memberships

- Vice Chair, Unilateral Conduct Committee, Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association

Honors

- Recognized as a "Next Generation Partner" by *The Legal 500 U.S.*, 2022-2023

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- State Bar of California
- State Bar of New York

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Quoted in "Biden Admin's amicus programme a boon for private enforcement," *Global Competition Review*, May 7, 2024