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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
Data, Privacy, and
Cybersecurity
Federal Trade Commission
Government Investigations
Litigation
State Attorneys General
Supreme Court and
Appellate
Third-Party Merger and
Non-Merger Antitrust
Representation

HIGHLIGHTS

■ Respected Regulatory Leader

Maureen has held the highest-ranking position at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), having served as Acting Chairman and Commissioner. She also served as the head of Policy Planning at the FTC, leading key initiatives in digital commerce issues. To date, she is the only FTC Commissioner to have received the Robert Pitofsky Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions to the FTC.

■ Veteran Antitrust Practitioner

Prior to joining Wilson Sonsini, Maureen was a partner and co-chair of the global antitrust and competition law group at an international firm. She has represented numerous Fortune 100 companies in government investigations and merger reviews, achieving global clearances and successful resolutions. Before joining the FTC, she was a partner at a national communications and technology law firm. Maureen has consistently been listed in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers USA*, and was named a leading US litigator by *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America*.

■ Recognized Thought Leader

Maureen is a frequently published author and speaker, and is often quoted by leading media outlets on antitrust, FTC, and privacy and data security matters. She has also testified over two dozen times before Congress, including before the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Antitrust Sub-Committee, as well as the Antitrust Modernization Commission. Her scholarship has been cited approvingly by U.S. Courts of Appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court.

EXPERIENCE

Maureen Ohlhausen is the co-chair of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's antitrust and competition practice. A partner in the Washington, D.C., office, she advises industry-leading clients on complex antitrust and litigation matters, with a focus on high-profile cases. Sought after for her depth of experience on antitrust and Federal Trade Commission (FTC)-related issues, Maureen is known for her relationships with officials in the U.S. and abroad.

After finishing law school and clerking at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Maureen joined the FTC in 1997. She held a series of roles at the agency over the next 12 years, rising to the position of Director of the FTC Office of Policy Planning, where she led the agency's work on e-commerce and headed the FTC's Internet Access Task Force, which produced an influential report analyzing competition and consumer protection legal issues in the broadband and internet sectors. She then went into private practice at a leading telecommunications law firm, where she headed the FTC practice group.

In 2012, Maureen was confirmed by the Senate as a Commissioner of the FTC and was appointed Acting Chairman in January 2017, a role she held until May 2018. As Acting Chairman, Maureen directed all aspects of the agency's antitrust work, including merger review, conduct enforcement, and all consumer protection enforcement, with an emphasis on privacy and technology issues. Under her leadership, the FTC won several influential merger challenges in court and reached a number of key digital privacy settlements.

To date, Maureen is the only FTC Commissioner to have received the Robert Pitofsky Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions to the FTC.

Following the end of her term at the FTC, and immediately prior to joining Wilson Sonsini, Maureen was chair of the global antitrust and competition practice at Baker Botts, based in that firm's Washington, D.C., office.

A recognized thought leader, Maureen is a frequent author and speaker, and is often quoted by leading print and broadcast media on antitrust, FTC, and privacy and data security matters. She has published dozens of articles on antitrust, privacy, intellectual property, regulation, FTC litigation, telecommunications, and international law issues in prestigious publications. During her tenure at the FTC and in private practice, she testified more than two dozen times before Congress, including before the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Antitrust Sub-Committee. She also testified before the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., George Mason University School of Law
With Distinction
- B.A., University of Virginia
With Honors

Associations and Memberships

- Co-chair, ABA Tech Summit, 2019
- Senior Editor, *Antitrust Law Journal*, 2008-2012
- Board Member, Better Business Bureau National Programs
- Board of Advisors, Washington Legal Foundation
- Board Member, Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation, 2019-2022
- Member, ABA Competition and Public Policy Task Force, 2008-2010
- Vice Chair, Advocacy Committee, American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, 2007-2008
- Adjunct Faculty, George Mason University School of Law: Unfair Trade Practices, 2007; Emerging Law of Internet Privacy, 2006

Honors

- Inducted into the 2025 ABA Antitrust Law Section's [Hall of Fame-inism](#)
- Named to *GCR's* 2025 "Women in Antitrust" list
- Named as a "Lawyer of the Year" finalist at the 2025 GCR Awards
- Recognized as a leading antitrust practitioner by *Chambers USA*, 2020-2026
- Recognized as a leading antitrust practitioner by *Chambers Global*, 2022-2023
- Named among Lawdragon's 2025-2026 "500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers"
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *GCR/Lexology Index's Competition* guide
- Recognized among the 2025 Lawdragon "100 Leading AI & Legal Tech Advisors"
- Selected for inclusion in the 2024-2026 editions of the Lawdragon's "500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers" guide
- Named a "Leading Lawyer" by *The Legal 500 U.S.*, 2021-2023
- Recognized as a leading U.S. litigator by Lawdragon "500 Leading Litigators in America"
- FTC Robert Pitofsky Lifetime Achievement Award
- Touchstones of Leadership Public Policy Award
- Phoenix Center Public Service Award
- George Mason University Distinguished Alumni Award
- Internet Association's Internet Freedom Award, 2017

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- State Bar of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

- U.S. Supreme Court

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, "The Trump FTC Takes New Action Against Non-Competes, While Abandoning Defense of the Biden-Era Non-Compete Clause Rule," Wilson Sonsini Alert, September 12, 2025
- Co-author, "White House Releases America's AI Action Plan," Wilson Sonsini Alert, July 25, 2025
- Co-author, "New York Requires Disclosures for Personalized Pricing," Wilson Sonsini Alert, July 14, 2025
- Co-author, "DOJ Carries Through on Revitalization of Merger Remedies," Wilson Sonsini Alert, June 16, 2025
- Co-author, "How Trump Administration's Antitrust Agenda is Playing Out," *Law360*, June 12, 2025
- Co-author, "States Expand Premerger Filings Family by Adopting "Baby-HSR" Laws to Review More Transactions," Wilson Sonsini Alert, April 15, 2025
- Co-author, "Antitrust Heads Offer Enforcement Insights to Legal Industry, Sidestepping Traditional ABA Gathering," Wilson Sonsini Alert, April 4, 2025
- Co-author, "Gail Slater Confirmed to Lead DOJ Antitrust Division," Wilson Sonsini Alert, March 17, 2025
- Co-author, "Enforcement Priorities of President Trump's DOJ and FTC Begin to Take Shape," Wilson Sonsini Alert, February 26, 2025
- Co-author, "FTC Appoints New Bureau Directors: What to Expect from Directors Christopher Mufarrige and Daniel Guarnera," Wilson Sonsini Alert, February 13, 2025
- Co-author, "2025 Year in Preview: Pending Decisions at the U.S. Antitrust Agencies," Wilson Sonsini Alert, January 24, 2025
- Co-author, "Whither Antitrust Enforcement Under Trump 2.0?" Wilson Sonsini Alert, November 15, 2024
- Co-author, "What About Bob? Revisiting the Intersection of Antitrust Law and Algorithmic Pricing in 2024," *Artificial Intelligence and Competition Policy* (Concurrences), September 2024

Select Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Global State of Play: Antitrust and AI Series - Part 2: Global Transactions Involving AI Assets," Webinar, October 8, 2025
- Speaker, "FTC: Past, Present, and Future," ABA Antitrust Law Spring Meeting 2025, April 4, 2025
- Speaker, "Antitrust in the US: Past, Present, and Future: Spotlight with Maureen Ohlhausen," CRA Brussels Conference, December 10, 2024
- Guest Speaker, "The End of the Chevron Doctrine," Inside Today's Boardroom Podcast, Diligent, November 27, 2024
- Speaker, "Restrictive Covenants and the FTC's Non-Compete Rule: The Current State of Play and Preparing for the Future for In-House Counsel," In-House Connect, September 11, 2024
- Panelist, "Global Private Litigation in the Digital Economy," ABA Spring Meeting 2024, April 10-12, 2024
- Speaker, "The Global Dimension," GCR Live: Antitrust in the Digital Economy, April 9, 2024