

Michael Baker

Counsel

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Michael Baker represents clients in antitrust disputes and commercial litigation. He has investigated and litigated antitrust cases with the Federal Trade Commission, with an Am Law 50 firm in Washington, D.C., and now with WTO. Mike's breadth of antitrust experience gives him a 360-degree viewpoint on the business, legal, and regulatory considerations involved in these complex matters.

Mike has significant experience—both as a government enforcer and in private practice—in government investigations and litigation regarding various antitrust claims, including exclusive dealing, price fixing, monopolization, attempted monopolization, tying, refusals to deal, information exchanges, and non-compete agreements. He has also represented clients before the FTC and the Department of Justice in all phases of merger review.

In addition to his stints in private practice and with the FTC, Mike served as corporate counsel for competition and litigation at an enterprise software solutions company, where he

supervised copyright and unfair competition litigation against a major technology company. This experience has provided Mike with a broad perspective regarding the needs of clients engaged in complex litigation.

Mike's personal interests include basketball, travelling, and watching his two young children grow.

Credentials

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., Order of the Coif, 2014; *Virginia Law Review*

University of Richmond, Robins School of Business, B.S.B.A., *cum laude*, 2009; Economics

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk for the Hon. D. Brooks Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Law Clerk for the Hon. Rebecca Beach Smith, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Federal Trade Commission, Attorney in the Anticompetitive Practices Divisions I and II

RECOGNITION

Federal Trade Commission Joan (Jodie) Z. Bernstein Award, Recipient

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Covington & Burling, Associate

Practices

Antitrust

Commercial Litigation

Cases

WTO MATTERS

Representing multiple healthcare systems in opt-out antitrust claims against Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the individual Blues entities, challenging anticompetitive agreements that have wrongfully deprived the providers of competitive reimbursement for their services.

Representing a leading ski resort company in two putative antitrust class actions alleging antitrust violations in connection with the pricing of ski passes.

Representing an Am Law 200 firm in contingency fee dispute arising out of the firm's successful prosecution of antitrust litigation.

Representing a leading oil and gas company in breach of contract dispute.

MATTERS PRIOR TO WTO

Chief of Staff of FTC antitrust case bringing claims under Section 2 of the Sherman Act against major consumer website.

Conducted an FTC investigation and filed first Robinson-Patman Act litigation by the government in more than 20 years against a premier beverage distributor.

Led an FTC Durbin Amendment investigation into major debit card network.

Represented a data analytics and consulting company in the poultry sector defending against Section 1 antitrust claims.

Represented local television stations in Department of Justice investigation and litigation regarding information exchanges.
