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Chair, Section of Antitrust Law
American Bar Association
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Joining one or more of the Section of Antitrust Law’s 29 committees is an excellent way to expand your knowledge of the law and build a network of friends and colleagues across the broad spectrum of our members, who represent private enterprise, private practice, government and academia in the U.S. and around the world. Most committees publish regular newsletters and updates on developments in their subject areas, host webinars, work on the Section’s comments on proposed government guidelines and sponsor panels during the Section’s popular Spring Meeting and other programs. Engaging with a committee presents unique opportunities to write, speak, and build a valuable network. It can help you to stay abreast of current developments, enhance your knowledge of the law and, in some cases, enable you to help shape the law. Although Section membership is a prerequisite to joining a committee, there is no additional cost for joining a committee. I am confident you will find the value to be substantial and the experience highly rewarding on both a personal and professional basis.

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ADVERTISING DISPUTES AND LITIGATION (ADL)
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The Advertising Disputes and Litigation (ADL) Committee provides valuable content on all contested advertising matters, including litigation, self-regulation, and other forms of dispute resolution. More specifically, ADL covers consumer class actions, competitor challenges under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, and advertising litigation with the Federal Trade Commission. ADL also monitors and reports on other adversarial proceedings, primarily before the Advertising Self-Regulation Council, with emphasis on National Advertising Division (NAD), National Advertising Review Board, and Electronic Retailing Self-Regulation Program cases.

The ADL Committee provides its members with programs, newsletters, updates, and publications relating to the developments and trends in the area of advertising and marketing law that flow from contested proceedings. In addition to sponsoring panels at the Spring Meeting every year, our members receive regular updates on important developments, including monthly phone programs on the prior month’s developments, updates on litigation developments, articles in the What’s In Store newsletter, as well as regular updates through Connect. We hold regular dial-in programs on topics of interest and sponsor periodic networking events that give practitioners access to regulators, in-house counsel, outside counsel, and academics.

The ADL Committee is valuable to in-house or outside counsel who are anticipating possible litigation, challenging false advertising by competitors, or responding to charges that a client’s advertising is false. Prevailing in an advertising dispute entails mastery of discovery issues and trial strategy, an understanding of how best to use extrinsic evidence (including consumer perception surveys), and advanced knowledge of self-regulatory precedent and practice. ADL Committee membership will help you sharpen these skills.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD COMMITTEE
www.ambar.org/atagfood

What do craft beer competition, biotech trait development, coordination of milk sales, sweetener wars and marijuana distribution have in common? They are all examples of the interesting areas of focus for the Agriculture and Food Committee. The Committee focuses on antitrust and consumer protection litigation, enforcement, legislation, and regulation in agriculture and food industries.

The agriculture and food industries have many unique aspects that continue to make them relevant for special focus, learning, and education. Special aspects of antitrust in this area include different laws governing competition (e.g., Capper Volstead), a large web of regulatory oversight (e.g., FDA, USDA, United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, state agencies), the role of price discrimination in merger analysis, the interplay between antitrust and the Packers and Stockyards Act, and the impact of monopsony and buyer power.
CARTEL AND CRIMINAL PRACTICE
www.ambar.org/atcartels

The Cartel and Criminal Practice Committee is one of the Section’s oldest committees, and has the responsibility for monitoring the full range of practice issues arising in what is now referred to generally as “cartel enforcement” and “cartel defense.” This includes criminal enforcement of federal and state antitrust laws in the United States, the counterpart cartel enforcement activities of other jurisdictions (which are both criminal and administrative), and parallel civil proceedings. We strive for balance between the interests of enforcers, plaintiffs, and defense in our programming and publications. Our membership include lawyers from the Department of Justice and other global enforcers, members of the defense bar in numerous jurisdictions where cartel enforcement is active or may become active in the near future, and members of the plaintiffs’ bar in the United States and abroad.

Integral to our consideration of cartel and criminal enforcement issues is a focus on leniency and amnesty policies on a global basis, ranging from amnesty applications in various jurisdictions, civil litigation under ACPERA, and plea bargaining, sentencing and trial issues. The Committee addresses not only cartel enforcement issues, but also other, related criminal enforcement issues. These include “companion” offenses charged in connection with antitrust prosecutions (e.g., mail and wire fraud, tax fraud, and FCPA), as well as issues relating to the investigation and prosecution of “process” crimes aimed at the integrity of the law enforcement process (e.g., obstruction of justice, false statements, and perjury). Also within the Committee’s purview are non-Sherman Act prosecutions by the Antitrust Division and other enforcers.

The Committee communicates to members via Connect, and also publishes three newsletters a year, reviewing developments on cartel and criminal practice related topics. We also sponsor programs at the Spring Meeting and throughout the year, and contribute regularly to the Section’s repertoire of publications for practitioners. In addition, we continue our series of audio programs on recent developments in cartel enforcement and on enforcement outside the United States.

CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
www.ambar.org/atcivil

The Civil Practice and Procedure Committee addresses all aspects of pretrial practice and procedure in antitrust litigation. The Committee publishes a quarterly e-bulletin called Perspectives in Antitrust, which discusses current antitrust issues and developments, often including interviews of top antitrust attorneys and economists. A Young Lawyer Advisory Board serves to select topics and provides young lawyers an opportunity for involvement, authorship, and recognition. Every year the Committee sponsors programs at the Section’s annual Spring Meeting. In addition, the Committee organizes a number of dial-in committee programs and teleseminars each year, which range from basics for young lawyers to cutting edge topics for more seasoned practitioners.

Other Committee publication projects include updating portions of Antitrust Law Developments devoted to civil practice and procedure issues. An update to The Indirect Purchaser Litigation Handbook was recently published. The Committee is working on two other publications as well: Obtaining Discovery Abroad and the Jury Instruction Handbook.
Business and competition disputes involving anticompetitive practices often cannot be effectively pursued through traditional antitrust claims. In such cases, business torts (such as unfair trade practices, interference with contractual relations, fraud and others) and civil RICO claims are often used as adjuncts to, or in lieu of, antitrust claims. The **Competition Torts Committee** focuses on competition law inside and outside the United States beyond the traditional antitrust statutes, and strives to provide competition lawyers everywhere with a more complete toolkit to better serve their clients.

The Committee has an active annual agenda. Each edition of the Committee’s newsletter highlights upcoming Committee events; features several articles on recent litigation and substantive developments of interest to the membership; and includes the Committee’s Civil RICO Issue Index, a unique and useful grid providing a quick reference on developments concerning over two dozen different RICO issues. The Committee also sponsors teleseminars and other programs, independently and in conjunction with committees within and outside the Section, aimed at practical issues faced by practitioners in the area. Our programming has covered topics such as Derivative Litigation; Health Care and RICO; Lanham Act Litigation; and Employee Non-Compete Agreements, featuring prominent government, plaintiff and defense advocates.

The Committee leadership encourages its members to suggest activities that will enhance our collective learning and practice, as well as to suggest and submit newsletter articles for publication. The Committee promptly updates its members on important developments in the relevant law via Connect. In addition, the Committee published the third edition of its *Business Torts and Unfair Competition Handbook* and is working to update its *RICO State by State Guide*.

**COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS**

www.ambar.org/atcompliance

The **Compliance and Ethics Committee** covers the full range of compliance, professional responsibility, and ethics issues within the scope of the Section’s activities. The Committee embraces a global perspective and benefits from a growing number of members from outside the United States as well as active participation from a number of domestic and foreign antitrust authorities.

The Committee is actively engaged in bringing the latest developments and best practices to our members through programming and publications. Thought provoking articles and updates are published in the Committee’s *Compliance & Ethics Spotlight* newsletter, which is published at least twice a year. We also aim to engage committee members with timely updates and discussions via postings on Connect.

Examples of the Committee’s recent programming include compliance considerations when collecting competitive intelligence, as well as compliance considerations related to merger due diligence. Other “hot topics” that the Committee will be looking to explore through programming and/or publications include:

- best practices regarding internal or independent investigations related to antitrust;
- compliance considerations for small to medium enterprises;
- continuing our “compliance spotlight” series with a focus on a variety of different industries; and
- the intersection and interaction of antitrust compliance and privacy law considerations.
The Consumer Protection Committee is your best source for consumer protection information, providing the latest developments and critical analyses covering the law of false and deceptive advertising, unfair trade practices, and illegal marketing. A particular focus of the Committee, given the constant evolution of technology, is on electronic and online conduct affecting consumers, such as social media marketing and promotions and online and mobile disclosures.

The Committee regularly produces newsletters, publications, webinars, teleseminars, and monthly updates designed to ensure that even occasional consumer protection practitioners are armed with the information they need on the latest developments in consumer protection law. The Committee publishes and regularly updates the ABA’s leading treatise on advertising and consumer law, Consumer Protection Law Developments, which has quickly become an indispensable reference for anyone engaged in these practice areas. It also co-sponsors a biannual Consumer Protection Conference, highlighting the latest developments and featuring participation by top federal and state enforcement officials. Committee publications offer strategies on how to successfully navigate cases brought by the FTC, CFPB, and state attorneys general, and monitor cases before the Better Business Bureau’s National Advertising Division (NAD) and the Children’s Advertising Review Unit (CARU). Members receive regular updates on important developments in consumer protection, through monthly teleconferences, regular updates through our Connect page, and consumer protection articles in Antitrust Magazine and the What’s In Store quarterly newsletter jointly published with the Advertising Disputes and Litigation Committee and Privacy and Information Security Committee.

Finally, the Committee sponsors periodic networking opportunities that give practitioners access to enforcers, in-house counsel, outside counsel, and academics and occasionally puts on “Why Consumer Protection?” programs at law schools so that law students may learn more about consumer protection law as a career.
CORPORATE COUNSELING
www.ambar.org/atcorp counsel

The Corporate Counseling Committee is the Section’s home for in-house antitrust and consumer protection counsel and for the outside counsel who advise them. The Committee sponsors the popular and long-running monthly “Antitrust Update for In-House Counsel,” a one hour call-in program where experienced antitrust practitioners report on current antitrust developments and answer questions. In addition to these monthly antitrust updates, the Committee organizes or co-sponsors programs on other topics of concern to corporate counselors, including programs on antitrust compliance and emerging counseling topics. The Committee also produces The Antitrust Counselor, a quarterly newsletter containing updates on important cases and other developments and practical advice on counseling issues, and publications focused on practical advice to in-house counsel such as the second edition of Frequently Asked Antitrust Questions (currently being updated for 2018 publication).

DISTRIBUTION AND FRANCHISING
www.ambar.org/atdistribution

The Distribution and Franchising Committee addresses a wide range of antitrust issues relating to the distribution of products and services, whether directly by a manufacturer or other supplier or through dealers, distributors, sales representatives, or franchisees. In addition to pricing and marketing, areas of interest include branding, advertising, IP, privacy, and consumer protection. We welcome the participation of private practitioners representing both plaintiffs and defendants, government enforcers, in-house counsel, economists, and academics interested in these issues. Our activities focus not only on U.S. state and federal antitrust laws but also on the antitrust laws of foreign jurisdictions, including the European Union, Canada, and Asia, and their role in the distribution of goods and services in global commerce.

We regularly sponsor committee programs on subjects of interest to our members and the antitrust bar generally and are initiating a program series in the fall of 2017 on distribution fundamentals. We also publish a newsletter several times each year that features both analytic pieces and practical tips, as well as an e-bulletin at least bimonthly that updates our members on legal developments and committee and Section activities of particular relevance to distribution and franchising. The Committee actively participates in CLE programming for the Section’s Annual Spring Meeting; our recent programs include Continental Divide: Differing Approaches to Loyalty Incentives; Eyes on the 1-800 Prize: IP Restrictions and Online Competition; and Robinson-Patman: Revival of an Endangered Species? Additionally, we recently completed writing with the Economics Committee the second edition of Antitrust Law and Economics of Product Distribution.
The Economics Committee contributes economics-related expertise and content relevant to antitrust law and policy through programs, publications, and cooperation with the Section and other committees. The Committee sponsors programs that provide background in economics fundamentals covering the full range of antitrust topics. These programs include an annual program on “Antitrust Economics Fundamentals” at the Spring Meeting, Committee programs, and other CLE programs, as well as Spring Meeting program sessions on economics-related issues. Additionally, we sponsor “meet and greet” programs featuring the chief economists at the DOJ Antitrust Division, the FTC, and the European Commission.

The Committee also is active in publications. Publication projects include contributions to Antitrust Law Developments and its annual updates, an update of the Section’s treatise on Econometrics: Legal, Practical, and Technical Issues, and updates of the Section’s treatises on Proving Antitrust Damages and Antitrust Law and Economics of Product Distribution.

The Committee also produces a newsletter and has an active discussion list via Connect as well as a website. It distributes periodic summaries of important papers on antitrust economics, and its website has a variety of materials, including summaries of recent Daubert decisions and reading lists on antitrust economics, applied econometrics, and game theory.

The Committee and its activities are designed primarily for lawyers who are not experts in economics and economists who are interested in antitrust economics and policy. There are numerous opportunities to participate in our activities and become active in leadership; we invite you to join us and become involved!

The Exemptions and Immunities Committee addresses judicially created immunities, such as the Noerr-Pennington, state action, implied immunity, and filed rate doctrines, as well as statutory exemptions, including the McCarran-Ferguson and Capper-Volstead Acts. The Committee also addresses international issues, such as the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act, and other doctrines, such as antitrust preemption and primary jurisdiction, that affect the application and extent of the antitrust laws. The Committee aims to be a resource for information on the fundamental question of what is the scope of the antitrust laws.

Committee members include government antitrust officials, private practitioners, corporate counsel, and academics, thus ensuring diverse views on the scope, applicability, and appropriateness of antitrust exemptions and immunities.

The Committee has published comprehensive books analyzing key exemption issues. Just this year, the Committee published the third edition of the State Action Practice Manual, which continues to be the most comprehensive published source of information and guidance concerning the state action doctrine.

Another of the Committee’s recent publication is the Handbook on the Scope of Antitrust, a first-of-its-kind, integrated treatment of all statutory and judicially created limits on the scope of the federal antitrust laws. The Committee typically publishes the E&I Update newsletter three times a year, and regularly informs committee members about relevant case law and other developments.

The Committee frequently sponsors committee and Spring Meeting programs. Recent programs have addressed such topics as the Supreme Court’s Phoebe Putney and North Carolina Dental decisions involving the state action doctrine, the applicability of Noerr immunity to FDA citizen petitions, and the baseball antitrust exemption.

The Committee tracks legislative proposals involving antitrust exemptions and immunities, including recent proposals to allow health care providers to negotiate collectively with health insurers and to repeal antitrust exemptions for insurance companies, railroads, and professional sports leagues. The Committee periodically prepares comments on proposed legislation on behalf of the Antitrust Section.
FEDERAL CIVIL ENFORCEMENT
www.ambar.org/afedciv

The Federal Civil Enforcement Committee is the Section’s home for members who practice before the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice or the Federal Trade Commission. It focuses on how civil enforcement policy is made, who’s doing it, and how agency lawyers and the lawyers who practice before them can interact effectively. The Committee monitors developments in civil antitrust enforcement and consumer protection policy and actions at the DOJ and FTC, with particular attention to agency rules, practice and procedure, and personnel. The committee reports on developments and actions in several ways. We post news to Connect. We publish biweekly “roundups” listing developments at the agencies, from new enforcement actions to personnel changes. Our periodic Federal Civil Enforcement Newsletter publishes interviews with agency officials and covers other topics of interest to attorneys practicing in this area, and also provides recaps of our committee’s programs. The Committee’s web page has a host of information for practitioners appearing before the agencies, including links to information about the agencies. The Committee hosts programs at ABA-sponsored events, including the Section’s annual Spring Meeting in Washington, DC, where the committee sponsors the popular “Agency Update with the DOJ Deputy Assistant Attorneys General” and “Agency Update with the FTC Bureau Directors” programs. The Committee puts on a series of popular “Nuts and Bolts of Mergers” lunchtime programs, and also present programs on merger and conduct matters, privacy, consumer protection, and other issues of focus at the agencies.

GLOBAL PRIVATE LITIGATION
www.ambar.org/atgpl

In 2011, ABA Antitrust Section Chair Richard Steuer created the Civil Redress Task Force to address the fact that an increasing number of jurisdictions throughout the world were expressing their desire to create avenues for private claimants to seek redress for violations of competition law. The Civil Redress Task Force was created as an instrument through which the antitrust bars in various jurisdictions could confront the myriad of challenges in developing systems of civil redress. In late 2013, the Antitrust Section converted the task force into a formal committee within the Section, which was renamed Global Private Litigation Committee in August 2015. The Global Private Litigation Committee focuses on private antitrust enforcement and consumer protection, primarily litigation, around the world. The Committee’s members and leaders represent a diverse range of viewpoints, practice types and geographical locations, and the Committee is committed to providing a perspective that includes practitioners who represent all types of parties. The Committee tracks and highlights current and influential efforts in private antitrust enforcement and consumer protection outside of the United States and compares those activities to civil litigation in the United States. While international civil regimes are at various stages of development, the Committee focuses on the important aspects of each regime and analyses the interplay as global recovery and defense strategies emerge. The Committee keeps its members apprised of the introduction and development of class action rules internationally, as class action (and class settlement) frameworks are increasingly becoming an important mechanism for private antitrust enforcement.
HEALTH CARE AND PHARMACEUTICALS
www.ambar.org/athealthcare

The Health Care and Pharmaceuticals Committee covers antitrust issues affecting the entire health care sector, including hospitals, physicians, and health plans, as well as manufacturers and distributors of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. In particular, we track and analyze court cases; enforcement actions taken by the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and foreign competition authorities; and legislative initiatives. Our committee oversees the preparation of numerous health-related publications, organizes programs, and prepares position papers commenting on proposed legislation or agency policy initiatives. We also maintain a committee website, have a social media site, and operate a discussion list (through Connect) that facilitates discussions among individuals interested in health care and pharmaceutical antitrust issues and that allows us to circulate news about recent events. We publish a quarterly newsletter (The Antitrust Health Care Chronicle), and a weekly summary of new cases, settlements and government statements (Health Care Antitrust Week-in-Review). We regularly contribute content to ABA antitrust publications, including the Antitrust Section’s seminal treatise Antitrust Law Developments and book-length publications on topics related to health care and pharmaceuticals. Our committee programs discuss recent court decisions and other current issues, typically drawing on individuals that have direct knowledge of the recent events. We also sponsor more formal teleseminars that provide more in-depth treatment of health care issues. In addition, the Committee presents programs at Antitrust Section meetings, and co-sponsors a bi-annual, two-day conference focused on health care antitrust issues.
The Insurance and Financial Services Committee provides a forum for discussion of competition and consumer protection issues that affect insurance and financial markets and institutions. Our committee programs and publications address a range of topics, including enforcement proceedings, competition and consumer protection policy at the regulatory agencies, legislation, and litigation. For example, our programs involve issues such as antitrust in two-sided markets, credit card rules and regulations, insurance company mergers, and financial benchmarks, such as LIBOR. We strive to be a valuable resource for members and to offer a variety of perspectives.

Our members include antitrust, competition, and consumer protection lawyers and economists. They deal with insurance and a broad array of financial services, including the securities and commodities exchanges, banking, credit cards, and consumer lending. We present the views not only of industry participants and private practitioners, but also of representatives of a wide variety of government agencies including the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice; the Federal Trade Commission; the Securities and Exchange Commission; the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and state antitrust, consumer protection, and insurance regulators. With our diverse membership, the committee offers a forum for members to engage in lively debate on the many competition and consumer protection issues currently facing the insurance and financial services industries.

We also consult our Advisory Board of experienced government, in-house, and private practitioners in both the United States and Europe for input into our activities. The Advisory Board gives us invaluable advice that enables us to keep our programming current with industry and legal developments of likely interest to our members.

We keep our members apprised of new developments, as well as committee activities and programs, through our Connect page and through the programming and substantive information on our committee page of the Section’s website. In addition, our committee’s newsletter, The Exchange, provides a more detailed discussion of recent court decisions, mergers, government enforcement activities and pending legislation of interest. The Exchange is published at least twice each year. In addition, we have taken primary responsibility for several books published by the Section, including the Insurance Antitrust Handbook and the Private Equity Antitrust Handbook.
The **Intellectual Property Committee** focuses on providing useful and timely information on the intersection of antitrust and intellectual property law, whether in the context of civil litigation, agency enforcement, counseling questions, or national and international policy debates. In the course of a typical year, we offer committee programs on topics of immediate interest, sponsor panels at the annual Spring Meeting, and plan conferences on broader issues of law and policy, including a bi-annual “IP and Antitrust Conference,” co-sponsored by the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law and Stanford Law School. These live programs provide cutting-edge information from some of the leading practitioners and scholars in IP and antitrust law.

We provide a wealth of timely information about IP/antitrust issues through our publications and newsletters. Each week, we circulate to our membership the most recent developments via our [tidBITS update](#). We also regularly publish [Newsletters and E-Bulletins](#) that discuss in more detail the most significant and latest developments in the field. In addition, the Committee has supported handbooks from the Antitrust Section on *The Antitrust Counterattack in Patent Infringement Litigation*, *The Federal Antitrust Guidelines for Licensing of Intellectual Property*, and *Intellectual Property Misuse: Licensing and Litigation* (2d Ed. forthcoming). It is also responsible for the [Intellectual Property](#) and Antitrust Handbook and contributes a chapter on intellectual property issues to the Section’s *Antitrust Law Developments* treatise.

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**INTERNATIONAL**

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The **International Committee** is a focal point in the Antitrust Section for international antitrust, consumer protection and privacy activities and provides opportunities for members throughout the world to communicate with one another. The Committee keeps members informed about new laws, leading cases, enforcement trends, policy developments and agency staff changes through Committee produced programs, newsletters, Connect updates, and publications. We have a regular series of programs, delivered live, by teleconference or webinar, where members learn first-hand from senior agency officials and experienced U.S. and international practitioners about international competition, consumer protection and privacy issues. Some of our recent topics include innovation in merger control, unilateral conduct enforcement around the world, issues in cross-border mergers and discovery, international private litigation, and antitrust investigations and enforcement in China.

The Committee participates in writing treatises and handbooks on international antitrust topics, such as the Section’s flagship publication *Antitrust Law Developments* and the *Obtaining Discovery Abroad Handbook*, and has developed an online handbook concerning multijurisdictional investigative processes, which is available on our Committee webpage. Our newsletter, the *International Antitrust Bulletin*, is published quarterly and provides a regular update on antitrust developments around the world. In addition, the Committee helps shape policy by working with the International Task Force and other Committees to prepare comments and analyses of policy initiatives, and new antitrust laws and proposed amendments. Finally, the Committee participates in the Section’s efforts to expand its international outreach to foreign competition agencies and bar groups and provides an excellent forum for non-U.S. and U.S. competition, consumer protection and privacy lawyers alike to network.
JOINT CONDUCT

www.ambar.org/atjointconduct

The Joint Conduct Committee focuses on legal, policy and enforcement issues arising under Section 1 of the Sherman Act and its foreign law counterparts. For example, it addresses (a) agreements between or among competitors, including ancillary restraints, joint ventures, information exchanges, price-fixing, customer and territory allocation, boycotts and other collective refusals to deal; (b) agreements between or among supply chain members, including distribution restraints, most-favored nation clauses, resale price maintenance and other vertical agreements; (c) legal and evidentiary standards for determining the existence of collusion or agreement; and (d) how those various issues compare and contrast across jurisdictions both within the United States and abroad. The committee also monitors developments under Section 8 of the Clayton Act regarding interlocking directorates between competitors and Section 5(a) of the FTC Act with respect to joint conduct.

The Committee communicates with its members in a variety of ways, including through its website and the Connect community. It offers a variety of programs; some recent programs have included “Standard Setting: Key Antitrust Issues & Developments” the “Defendants’ Analysis of the Profitability of Price Increases and the Detection of Collusion”. It also publishes a newsletter called Cartel & Joint Conduct Review, and sponsors programs on key substantive issues and developments.

LEGISLATION

www.ambar.org/atlegislation

The Legislation Committee is responsible for informing members about federal and state legislation that raise antitrust and/or consumer protection issues, as well as developments relating to the antitrust or consumer protection agencies and enforcers. We identify, follow and report on legislation that may impact antitrust or consumer protection. We also report on committee hearings or appointments that may impact Section members and their practices. Our primary means of communication is through the Committee’s discussion board on Connect. Our discussion board is updated several times per week and includes reports on developments within our scope. We also sponsor programs with key legislative staff to discuss antitrust and consumer protection developments.
MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY
www.ambar.org/atmediatech

The Media and Technology Committee is responsible for competition and consumer protection matters in the media, social media, information technology, and telecommunications sectors. The Committee addresses legal and policy issues such as network neutrality, unilateral conduct by technology platforms, big data and artificial intelligence, and competition in the sharing economy.

The Committee contributes to its members’ practices in a variety of ways. The Committee is responsible for numerous publications, including a biweekly e-Bulletin of recent developments affecting media and technology industries on a global basis; a newsletter, Icarus, providing in-depth analysis of legal and policy developments within relevant industries; and treatises, such as the Telecom Antitrust Handbook. The Committee’s forthcoming Handbook on Antitrust in Technology Industries will be the Section’s first publication focused solely on antitrust issues in technology markets.

The Committee offers its members substantive programming, both at the Spring Meeting and throughout the year through committee programs. Recent program topics have included the EC’s e-commerce inquiry, the FTC’s report on the sharing economy, and the DOJ’s music licensing consent decree. The Committee also holds informal networking events that provide members the opportunity to expand their contacts within the media and technology sectors. Recent networking events have featured the heads of the FTC and DOJ. The Committee regularly communicates with its membership through Connect and LinkedIn. We offer our members many ways to get involved in the Committee’s work, including our programming and publications, and welcome your participation.

MEMBERSHIP AND DIVERSITY
www.ambar.org/atmembdiv

What can the Section do to increase membership and improve diversity? How can the Section of Antitrust Law be more inclusive? And how can the Section help members get the most out of their membership? The Membership and Diversity Committee strives to answer these questions and focuses on membership growth, diversity, engagement, and inclusion for the Section. The Committee works with Section and ABA leadership to develop and implement strategies for recruiting and retaining members and to cultivate initiatives that enhance the participation of women, minorities, and other underrepresented communities. The Committee also oversees the Section’s mentoring program; hosts “Why Antitrust/Consumer Protection?” panels at various law schools, introducing law students to the practice of antitrust and consumer protection law; and highlights the achievements of prominent women in antitrust through its Women in Leadership interview series. Committee members host and moderate programs, lead Section initiatives, coordinate with substantive committees on various projects, and contribute to other Section efforts. The Committee actively encourages all members to participate significantly and meaningfully in the Section, its activities, and its committee work.
MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS
www.ambar.org/atmanda

The Mergers and Acquisitions Committee is the Section’s home for those interested in the treatment of acquisitions under U.S. and international antitrust and competition laws. The Committee offers a range of resources for in-house and outside counsel and economists who provide advice and counseling on mergers and acquisitions, assist clients in obtaining governmental approval of transactions from federal, state and foreign competition authorities or participate in litigation of government and private antitrust based challenges to transactions.

Committee-produced teleseminars, newsletters, updates via Connect, publications and website resources provide timely and practical insight on government enforcement actions and policies impacting mergers and acquisitions. Recent teleseminars include programs on “hot documents” in merger litigation, merger remedies, HSR issues, and antitrust and healthcare mergers. Publications include the current editions of Mergers and Acquisitions: Understanding the Antitrust Issues, the Premerger Notification Practice Manual, Premerger Coordination – The Emerging Law of Gun Jumping and Information Exchange, and Merger Review Process. The Committee publishes a newsletter, The Threshold, three times a year containing articles covering a wide range of merger-related law and economics issues both in the United States and abroad.

PRICING CONDUCT
www.ambar.org/atpricing

The Pricing Conduct Committee addresses the legal implications of all varieties of pricing conduct, including price discrimination arising under the Robinson-Patman Act, resale price maintenance, below-cost pricing, bundled pricing, conditional pricing, parallel pricing, price signaling, and deceptive price advertising, just to name a few. With over 500 members, the Committee strives to provide content representative of the diverse perspectives of its members, including by addressing issues relevant to antitrust and consumer protection practitioners from around the world, attorneys representing both the defense and plaintiffs’ bar, government attorneys, in-house lawyers, economists, and law students.

The Committee keeps its members informed of the latest developments on these pricing issues through programming and publications. The Committee regularly sponsors programs on timely pricing issues. Past programs have addressed the antitrust implications of excessive pricing, best practices for counseling on pricing issues, and around-the-world enforcement updates on resale price maintenance and price discrimination. The Committee also keeps its members up-to-date through in-depth articles featured in the The Price Point, a newsletter which is published three times per year, and through the Price Tags feature on Connect, which brings its members the latest headlines related to pricing conduct. The Committee has previously published an updated Primer to supplement the Price Discrimination Handbook, and will soon be releasing a comprehensive publication on frequently asked questions on pricing issues across the globe. The Committee also provides its members opportunities to network with other members of the committee and the Section of Antitrust Law leadership.

The Committee seeks to actively engage its members in these initiatives. Membership in the Committee provides opportunities to publish articles, author chapters of books, organize or speak on a panel program, post comments on Connect, network with other antitrust lawyers, and work directly with the leadership of the Committee. We welcome your participation in these projects.
The Privacy and Information Security Committee is a leading source for legal and policy developments in federal, state, and international privacy and data security. The rapid pace of change in privacy, security and data protection law is fueled by continually evolving technological change, business innovation and consumer expectations. Our committee provides timely programs, updates and analysis about key issues in privacy and data security for our members. We monitor and report on technology, business practices, legislation, regulatory and self-regulatory initiatives, and litigation involving global privacy, data protection and data security issues. Because of the committee’s presence under the Antitrust Section’s umbrella, it has the benefit of working closely with the Federal Trade Commission, the key federal privacy and information security regulator in the United States. The committee hosts a Monthly Update program that provides a round-up of data and security news, and a regular Privacy Roundtable aimed at in-house privacy counsel as well as programs throughout the year addressing late breaking developments. The committee publishes a newsletter, What’s In Store, in collaboration with the other consumer protection committees. We have updated the Data Security Handbook, another key resource for privacy and data security practitioners, and are redrafting the Consumer Privacy and Data Security Handbook. The committee also engages in drafting comments to proposed legislation in the U.S. and internationally that involve privacy and data security issues. We welcome active participation from committee members in private practice, in-house, government, and public-interest organizations in the full range of committee activities within the field.
STATE ENFORCEMENT
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The State Enforcement Committee serves as the Section’s forum to explore state enforcement activities in both antitrust and consumer protection matters. The Committee considers the perspectives of state enforcers, private plaintiffs, defense counsel and the business community. Committee-sponsored programming includes the annual “Briefing with the State Enforcers” and other programs at the Section’s Spring Meeting, a series of committee programs each of which highlight the activities of a particular State enforcement agency, as well as substantive programs throughout the year. The Committee publishes its newsletter twice a year, and is responsible for those portions of Antitrust Law Developments and its annual updates related to state antitrust enforcement. The Committee will publish an updated edition of the State Antitrust Enforcement Handbook in 2017 and works closely with the Section’s editorial committees on updates involving state antitrust laws and procedures. The Committee’s website is a unique resource for state enforcement as it contains an ever expanding library of matters brought by state enforcers as well as a link to National Association of Attorneys General’s (NAAG) NAAG’s Antitrust Task Force database which offers a wealth of information from NAAG guidelines and protocols to litigation brought by state enforcers over the last two decades.

TRADE, SPORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
www.ambar.org/atassociations

The days are long past when, in the words of Adam Smith, “[p]eople of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices.” But associations of competitors continue to receive attention under the antitrust laws. The Trade, Sports and Professional Associations Committee supports all aspects of representing and counseling trade and professional associations (including standard setting bodies and industry consortia) and sports organizations on antitrust and competition law issues. The Committee’s members, among others, include association counsel, corporate counsel for companies that participate in such associations or organizations and private practitioners who advise associations and their members. The Committee provides timely updates to keep its members informed of important developments in the field while emphasizing practical guidance. The Committee delivers those updates through pertinent committee forums and other programs, like our recent panel discussion, “Antitrust Counseling on Trade Associations: Practice Guidance from In-House.” We also connect to our membership and additional audiences via publications such as our biannual newsletter, Ass’n, and our lively corner of the Section’s Connect platform, which hosts discussion of and links to developments.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES
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The transportation and energy industries are bedrocks of the U.S. and global economy. Both industries played major roles in the birth and development of modern antitrust law, and they will continue to be shaped and impacted by antitrust developments for years to come. Indeed, government enforcers and private parties are on the always lookout for anticompetitive conduct involving transportation of people and goods by air, rail, road, and sea, as well as commerce involving the petroleum and alternative energy sources powering our businesses, vehicles, and homes. Antitrust issues in these industries often intertwine, as particularly evidenced by the recent rail fuel surcharge litigation and government investigations affecting rail, trucking, and air passenger and cargo industries. The Transportation and Energy Industries Committee is a crucial resource for attorneys and economists advising transportation and energy companies. Keeping our membership on the leading edge of transportation and energy-related antitrust law, the Transportation & Energy Industries Committee provides timely information and thoughtful commentary through committee programs, the Transportation, Energy, and Antitrust newsletter, and interactive online member communications on topics such as U.S. and international antitrust enforcement and policy, consumer protection, federal antitrust exemptions and immunities, federal and state pricing regulation, market manipulation and price gouging, trading and speculation, energy market deregulation, and private litigation. Publications include the Transportation Antitrust Handbook and the Energy Antitrust Handbook, both of which are must-have resources for practitioners in these areas.
TRIAL PRACTICE
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The Trial Practice Committee sponsors programs focusing on antitrust trial work and courtroom advocacy. One such program is the mock trial held each year at the Spring Meeting. A typical mock trial includes two trial lawyers per side, along with one fact witness and one economist per side. A federal judge presides, and a jury is empaneled. The jury deliberations are televised “live” for the audience, and after the verdict is rendered, the jurors, judge and trial lawyers comment and answer questions from the audience.

The Committee also sponsors committee programs that focus on recent antitrust cases or developments relevant to trial practice, including programs on trial practice fundamentals designed for younger lawyers. Apart from its programs, the Committee provides resources that no antitrust litigator should be without, including an archive on its website of antitrust jury instructions from prior trials. The Committee is also developing a similar archive for economist testimony. The Committee encourages its members to write articles on litigation issues affecting antitrust practitioners, and its Trying Antitrust newsletter publishes articles on trial issues.

UNILATERAL CONDUCT
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The Unilateral Conduct Committee provides thought leadership and analysis of current issues involving single firm conduct, including both domestic and international application of competition law to dominant firms, as well as the impact of unfair competition laws and regulatory developments on unilateral conduct. Our substantive and active area provides a wealth of opportunities for active involvement and education for Committee members. Drawing upon the insights of its members—which include government antitrust enforcers, private practitioners, corporate counsel and economists who come from many international jurisdictions as well as the United States—the Committee strives to offer different perspectives and foster informed debate over the laws and policies governing unilateral anticompetitive conduct worldwide. The Committee offers timely programs on issues of significance to our members, including teleseminars, committee programs and town hall discussions, which allow our diverse membership to participate by phone or in person. Our publications include the monopolization chapters of Antitrust Law Developments and annual reviews. In addition, the Committee publishes a newsletter titled Monopoly Matters; sends out regular notices on its discussion list through the Connect community; maintains a compendium of monopolization cases on its website; and posts on Twitter and LinkedIn to keep members apprised of developments in monopolization law and policy. Most recently, the Committee has published the Monopolization and Dominance Handbook and the Category Management Antitrust Handbook.
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