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Bill is a partner at Arnold & Porter in Washington D.C. He represents a broad range of companies in US and international cartel investigations, antitrust litigation, and mergers and acquisition reviews by antitrust enforcers, such as the DOJ, FTC, state attorneys general, and the European Commission.

Bill served as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) from 2013 to 2016, and as Director of the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) from 1995 to 1999. He is the only individual ever to lead antitrust enforcement at both US antitrust enforcement agencies.

In 2016, President Obama appointed Bill to serve as Acting Associate Attorney General, the third highest official in the Department of Justice. In that position he oversaw the work of the Antitrust, Civil, Civil Rights, Tax, and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions, as well as the Offices of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing and Violence Against Women, among others.

During his tenure as Assistant Attorney General, the Antitrust Division achieved unprecedented success in civil and criminal enforcement, bringing and winning more cases than at any point in its history. He also developed close working relationships with his competition enforcer colleagues around the world. As Acting Associate Attorney General, he led the effort to hold financial institutions accountable in the Residential Mortgage Backed Securities crisis, securing record penalties and consumer redress.

Mr. Baer is regarded as one of the world's leading antitrust practitioners. He was twice named by Global Competition Review as the best competition lawyer in the world; honored by Best Lawyers as the best antitrust lawyer in Washington in 2010 and 2012; and named by The National Law Journal as one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers."

He received his BA from Lawrence University and JD from Stanford Law School, where he served as Senior Articles Editor of The Stanford Law Review. Prior to his recent government service, Bill was a Lawrence trustee from 2000 until 2013. He rejoined the Board in 2017.