

"State enforcement attorneys can advance their knowledge of the law, keep on top of new developments and network with other members of the antitrust bar by getting involved and staying involved with the Antitrust Section "

Why is the Section relevant to state antitrust enforcement attorneys?

I spent my first twenty-five years of legal practice in large firms, and 16 years as a partner in one of them. Three years ago, I joined the Antitrust Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's office. Although I have been an ABA Antitrust Section member for almost as long as I have practiced law, it was only after I left private practice that the Section became a key part of my professional life. Why? For the first time in my career, I had both the freedom and the wisdom to spend non-billable, but very productive hours deepening my knowledge of antitrust law and practice, interacting with antitrust colleagues from the United States and abroad, and making my own contributions to the antitrust bar.

Professional Development:

The Section's antitrust publications, conferences and cyber-information are unparalleled sources of information. One can learn a lot from reading publications or attending conferences, but one can learn even more by participating. I had always found the Section's flagship treatise, *Antitrust Law Developments*, to be an objective, informative, go-to resource on almost any antitrust-related topic. Serving on the Board of Editors of *ALD* (Sixth Ed.), however, gave me a new perspective on what I could gain from Section membership. Editing, drafting and presenting are incredible learning opportunities, and the opportunities to participate in the Section's work are varied and voluminous. The Section's Committees deal with practice skills, substantive issues and industry specific matters. Pick an area that you find interesting—you are not limited to the State Enforcement Committee—and get involved. You can make a contribution while enhancing your knowledge of antitrust law.

Keep On Top of the News:

State resources are limited. The Section affords an opportunity to keep on top of cutting edge issues and cases in antitrust law throughout the country and internationally. Information is available in a variety of ways: Section online discussions, committee listservs, newsletters, brown bags, monographs, magazines, conferences and books.

Keep in Touch:

State enforcers tend to deal most with their counterparts in other states and to some extent with federal enforcers, and relate to the private bar only across the table. The Section gives state antitrust enforcement attorneys the opportunity to collaborate and expand relationships with other enforcement agencies (domestic and foreign), the private bar, and academics. Learn more, meet more people, and enhance your own opportunities within the profession.