

The Enforcer Tapes

Editor's Note: *Newly confirmed antitrust enforcers Charles James and Timothy Muris addressed the Section of Antitrust Law on two separate occasions this past August, at the Section of Antitrust Law Annual Meeting Luncheon in Chicago, August 7, and at the Section's Post-Annual Leadership Meeting in Colorado Springs, August 9. We obtained permission from the new AAG for Antitrust and FTC Chairman to tape their comments. Their prepared remarks from the Chicago session are available on the DOJ and FTC Web sites, at www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/speeches/8764.htm, and www.ftc.gov/speeches/muris/murisaba.htm.*

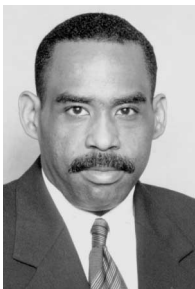
We present here as two separate articles the edited version of the Question and Answer portion of the Chicago session, and the full program from the Antitrust Section Post-Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs. We found the enforcers' comments to be an interesting and refreshingly informal window into their early thoughts on assuming the leadership of the U.S. government antitrust agencies.



Timothy J. Muris

Timothy J. Muris was sworn in June 4, 2001, as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Previously, he served at the Commission as Assistant Director of the Planning Office (1974–1976), Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection (1981–1983), and Director of the Bureau of Competition (1983–1985).

Immediately prior to his appointment, Chairman Muris was a Professor at George Mason University School of Law, where he also acted as interim dean. Chairman Muris worked in the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget for three years and was Of Counsel with the law firms of Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott (1992–2000) and Howrey, Simon, Arnold & White (2000–01). He received his bachelor's degree with high honors from San Diego State University and his J.D. from UCLA, where he was associate editor of the Law Review. A member of the American Bar Association's Antitrust Section, Chairman Muris has written widely on antitrust, consumer protection, regulatory, and budget issues.



Charles A. James

Charles A. James was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 14, 2001, as the Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust at the Department of Justice. AAG James previously served in the Antitrust Division under the first Bush Administration as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General (1989–1992) and as Acting Assistant Attorney General (1992). He also served in several positions at the FTC, including Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Competition (1983–85). Mr. James has received the FTC Chairman's Award (1985) and the U.S. DOJ Edmund Randolph Award (1992).

Most recently, Mr. James practiced law at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue's Washington, D.C. office, where he chaired the firm's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice. His practice concentrated on mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures, particularly in the telecommunications, health, information technology, and financial service industries.

Mr. James also has participated in a variety of public service and bar association activities, including as a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law. Mr. James earned his law degree from the National Law Center at George Washington University and his bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University. ●