

56th Annual Spring Meeting Agenda
Friday, March 28, 2008
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7:30 am – noon

Bookstore and Registration Open

8:15 – 9:45 am

Breakfast with the Federal Trade Commission Bureau Directors

Presented by the Federal Civil Enforcement Committee

This is your opportunity to hear from the Directors of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, Bureau of Economics, and Bureau of Consumer Protection on current issues facing the Commission.

Session Chair:

Christine C. Wilson, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Washington, DC

Moderator:

Susan S. DeSanti, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Washington, DC

Speakers:

Michael R. Baye, Director, Bureau of Economics
Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

Lydia A. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection,
Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

Jeffrey Schmidt, Director, Bureau of Competition
Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

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Breakfast with International Enforcers

Presented by the International Committee

Leading officials from competition agencies of several countries will discuss significant recent developments in their respective jurisdictions.

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James F. Rill, Howrey LLP, Washington, DC

Moderator:

H. Stephen Harris, Jr., Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, GA

Speakers:

Elizabeth Maria Mercier Querido Farina, Brazil Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brasilia – DF, Brazil

John Fingleton, UK Office of Fair Trading, London, England

Eduardo Perez Motta, Mexico Federal Competition Commission, Mexico, D.F.

Vinod Dhall, Competition Commission of India, New Delhi, India

Sheridan Scott, Canadian Bureau of Competition, Gatineau, Quebec

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Ethics: Dealing with differences in legal privilege rules in the wake of *Akzo Nobel Chemicals v. Commission*

Presented by the Compliance and Ethics Committee

The *Akzo* decision at the Court of First Instance clarified complex rules governing attorney – client privilege in the EU. This panel will explore the differences that persist between EU and U.S. privilege rules and offer practical advice on how to address them.

Session Chair:

Robert E. Hauberg, Jr., Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz,
Washington, DC

Moderator:

Christina Guerola Sarchio, Howrey LLP, Washington, DC

Speakers:

Matteo F. Bay, Latham & Watkins LLP, Brussels, Belgium

Lawton P. Cummings, Washington & Lee Law School, Lexington, VA

J. Robert Kramer, Director of Operations, U.S. Department of Justice,
Antitrust Division, Washington, DC

Dirk Van Erps, Head of Unit, Cartels II, European Commission,
Comp G2, Brussels, Belgium

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Non-Litigation Advocacy in Antitrust: Another Arrow in the Quiver

Presented by the Section Advocacy Committee

Advocacy initiatives can complement litigation, seek results when litigation is not an alternative, or may help court, agencies, and legislative bodies improve the application or administration of antitrust law in general. How can formal comments, economic or academic studies, or amicus briefs persuade government actors or other decision-making bodies to tailor their policies to protect or foster competition? For example, the recent developments affecting doctrines of resale price maintenance and predatory conduct reflect influences from outside the courtroom. This panel will examine how practitioners can use various implements of advocacy in their antitrust initiatives, highlighting what advocacy activities by parties such as competition agencies, trade associations, and think tanks can achieve, what forms it may take, and which forums may be appropriate.

Session Chair and Moderator:

Stephen W. Armstrong, Montgomery McCracken, Philadelphia, PA

Speakers:

Roxane C. Busey, Baker & McKenzie LLP, Chicago, IL

Bert Foer, American Antitrust Institute, Washington, DC

James J. O'Connell, Jr., Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International Policy and Appellate Matters, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Washington, DC

Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Director, Office of Policy Planning, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

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Redial: 25th Anniversary of the AT&T Divestiture Decision

Presented by the Communications Industry and Unilateral Conduct Committees

With now a quarter century of experience after the mandated AT&T break-up, this panel will revisit the regulatory and business environment that led up to the divestiture and compare it with the current regulatory and business telecommunications environment facing the telecommunications industry.

Session Chair:

Aryeh S. Friedman, BT Americas Inc., Washington, DC

Moderator:

Richard O. Levine, Constantine Cannon LLP, Washington, DC

Speakers:

Nancy C. Garrison, Senior Appellate and Communications Counsel, US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Washington, DC

The Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg, Chief Judge,
DC Circuit Court of Appeals, Washington, DC

Bruce M. Owen, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford, CA

John D. Zeglis, Former General Counsel and President of AT&T Former
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AT&T Wireless, Culver, IN

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Two Years After *Reeder-Simco*: Is RPA Alive and Well?

Presented by the Distribution & Franchising and Price Discrimination Committees

In *Reeder-Simco* the U.S. Supreme Court proclaimed that the Robinson-Patman Act “signals no large departure from” antitrust law’s primary focus on interbrand competition. This announcement led to some speculation that the decision could signal the end of the Robinson-Patman Act as we knew it. Two years later, has that prediction been borne out? What should you be telling your clients now? This session will explore recent developments in Robinson-Patman Act litigation with a particular focus on convergence or divergence between Robinson-Patman Act and Sherman Act principles.

Session Chair and Moderator:

Suzanne E. Wachsstock, Chief Antitrust Counsel,
American Express Company, New York, NY

Speakers:

Theodore L. Banks, Chief Counsel and Director, Compliance Policy,
Kraft Foods Global Inc., Northfield, IL

J. Manly Parks, Duane Morris LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Rachel Schoenig, Director, Legal Services & Corporate Secretary,
Bridgestone Bandag LLC, Muscatine, IA

Eric J. Stock, Hogan & Hartson LLP, New York, NY

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10:00 am – noon 
Roundtable Conference with Enforcement Officials – Grand Ballroom

Section Chair and Co-Moderator:

Kathryn M. Fenton, Jones Day, Washington, DC

Co- Moderator:

Christopher B. Hockett, Davis Polk & Wardwell, San Francisco, CA

Panelists:

The Honorable Thomas O. Barnett, Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Washington, DC

Robert L. Hubbard, Chair, Multistate Antitrust Task Force
New York State Department of Law, New York, NY

Neelie Kroes, Commissioner for Competition
European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

The Honorable Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission,
Washington, DC

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