



## **William Baer**

**PARTNER**

Bill Baer heads Arnold & Porter's highly regarded antitrust practice, which has over 60 attorneys in the US and Europe. Prior to rejoining the firm in January 2000, he served as Director of the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Bureau of Competition for five years. Among, other matters he oversaw the Commission's successful court challenges to the Staples/Office Depot and drug wholesaler mergers, review of Time Warner's acquisition of Turner Broadcasting System and the Ciba-Geigy/Sandoz merger, as well as challenges to exclusionary tactics of Toys 'R' Us, Intel, and Mylan Laboratories.

Mr. Baer currently represents clients in high stakes antitrust litigation and provides antitrust counsel on a wide range of issues, including B2B and B2C joint ventures, convergence mergers in the pharmaceutical, high tech and communications sectors, antitrust and intellectual property and criminal investigations by DOJ's Antitrust Division.

Mr. Baer practiced law at Arnold & Porter from 1980 to 1995, where he helped secure the 1994 acquittal of The General Electric Company on criminal price fixing charges. Mr. Baer also served at the Federal Trade Commission from 1975 to 1980, where he held a number of positions, including Attorney Advisor to the Chairman, and Assistant General Counsel and Director of Congressional Relations.

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### **PRACTICE AREAS:**

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### **EDUCATION:**

**J.D., 1975, Stanford Law School**

**B.A., 1972, Lawrence University**

He has twice been featured on the cover of *The American Lawyer*, the first in connection with the 1994 acquittal of The General Electric Company on criminal price fixing charges and the second in connection with the FTC's successful court challenge in 1997 to the Staples/Office Depot merger. *Corporate Board Member Magazine* recently named him the best antitrust and trade regulation lawyer in America, and a just published survey by *Chambers Global* cited Mr. Baer as one of Washington, DC's top antitrust practitioners for the second year in a row and named Arnold & Porter as the top antitrust firm in North America for 2001.

Mr. Baer is admitted to the District of Columbia Bar.