

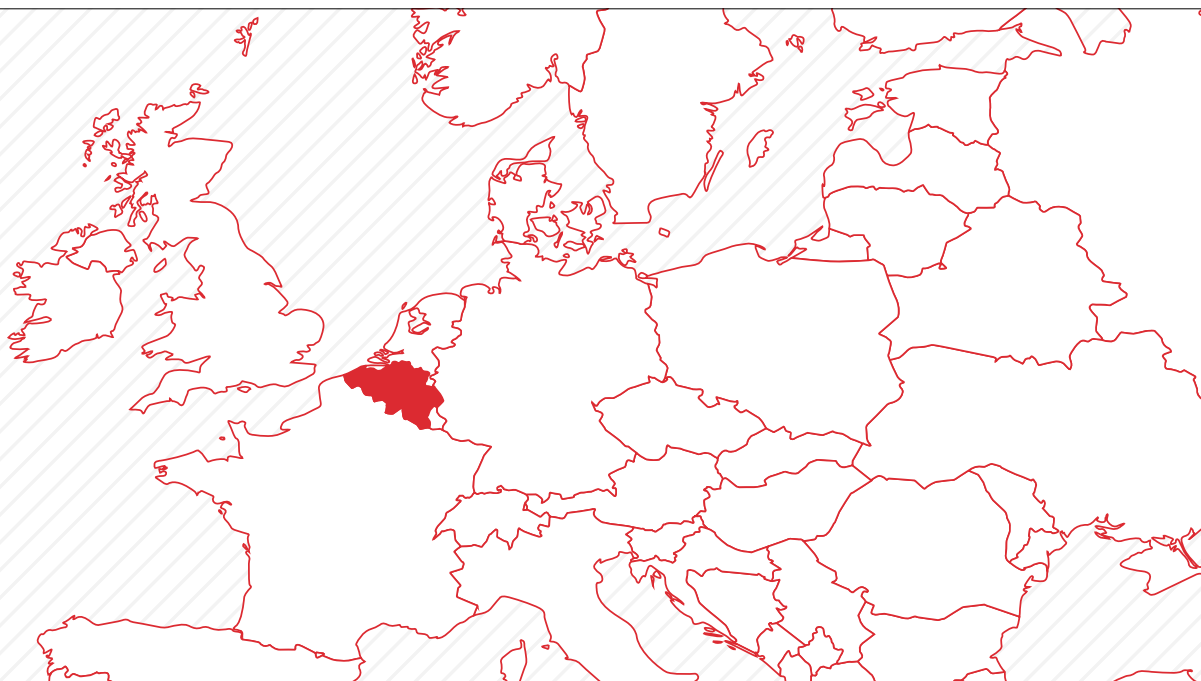
The background features a dynamic composition of red and black. A large red triangle is positioned in the upper left, with a series of thin, parallel black lines radiating from its right edge towards the center. Another red shape is visible in the lower right corner. The overall effect is one of modern, geometric abstraction.

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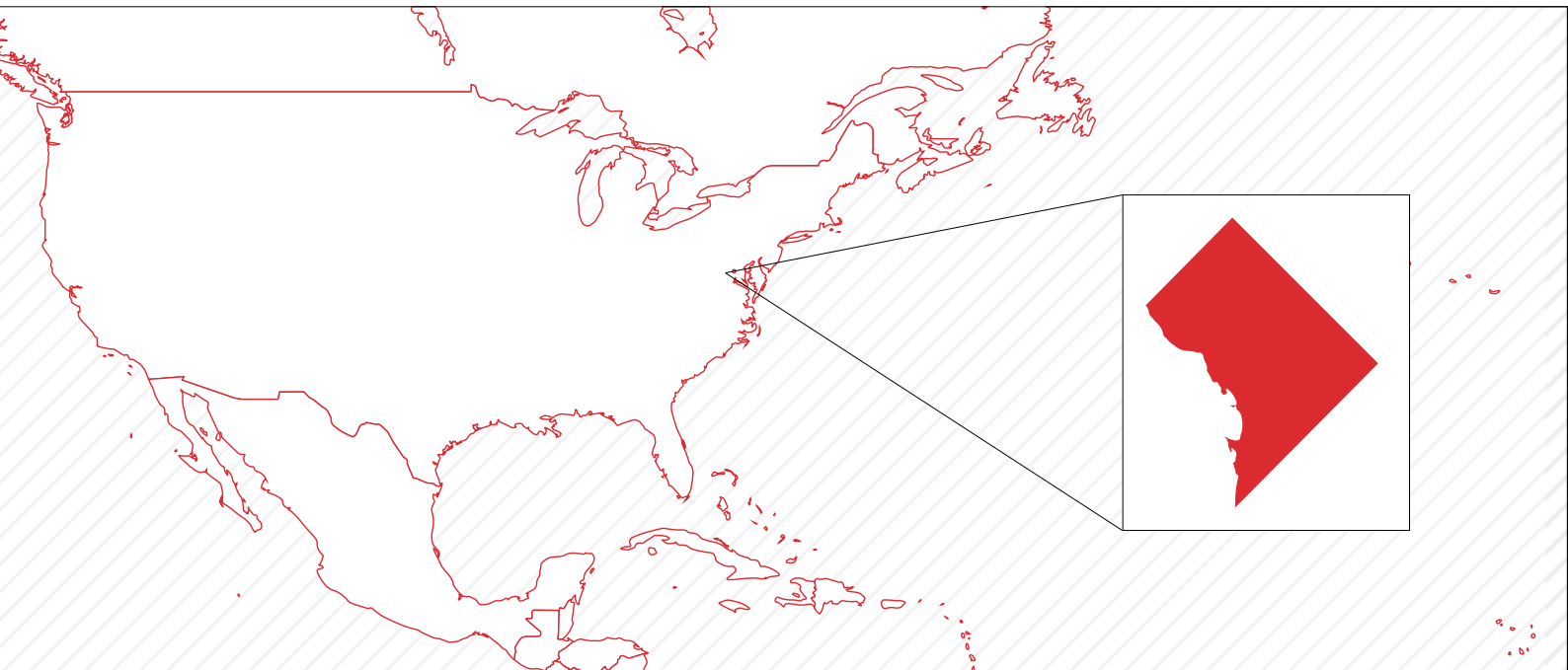
Although most competition lawyers in Brussels advise clients on matters before the European Commission, the local Belgian antitrust bar continues to make its presence known before the country's own enforcer.

RECOMMENDED

Thomas De Meese heads the Belgian competition group at **CROWELL & MORING**, which welcomed Luc Machtelinckx as senior counsel in May 2020 from Telenet, where he was general counsel. The firm advised the broadband provider on its acquisition of sole control over De Vijver Media, which the BCA conditionally cleared in May 2019. The firm defends the Federation of Music Festivals in Flanders – a Flemish

trade association of festival organisers – against a complaint brought by the Belgian Association of Authors Composers and Publishers (SABAM). The President of the Commercial Court of Brussels in April 2018 ruled that SABAM's royalty rates and its methods for calculating royalties due by festival organisers qualified as abuse of dominance. SABAM has appealed against the decision.

Firm	Head(s) of competition	Size	No. WWL nominees	Clients
RECOMMENDED				
Crowell & Moring	Thomas De Meese	3 partners 4 counsel 2 associates	0	Telenet/Liberty Global, Ahold Delhaize, Zorgnet-Icuro, Federation of Flemish Music Festivals, ENGIE, Saunier Duval, Belgian Association of Gambling Operators



United States Washington, DC

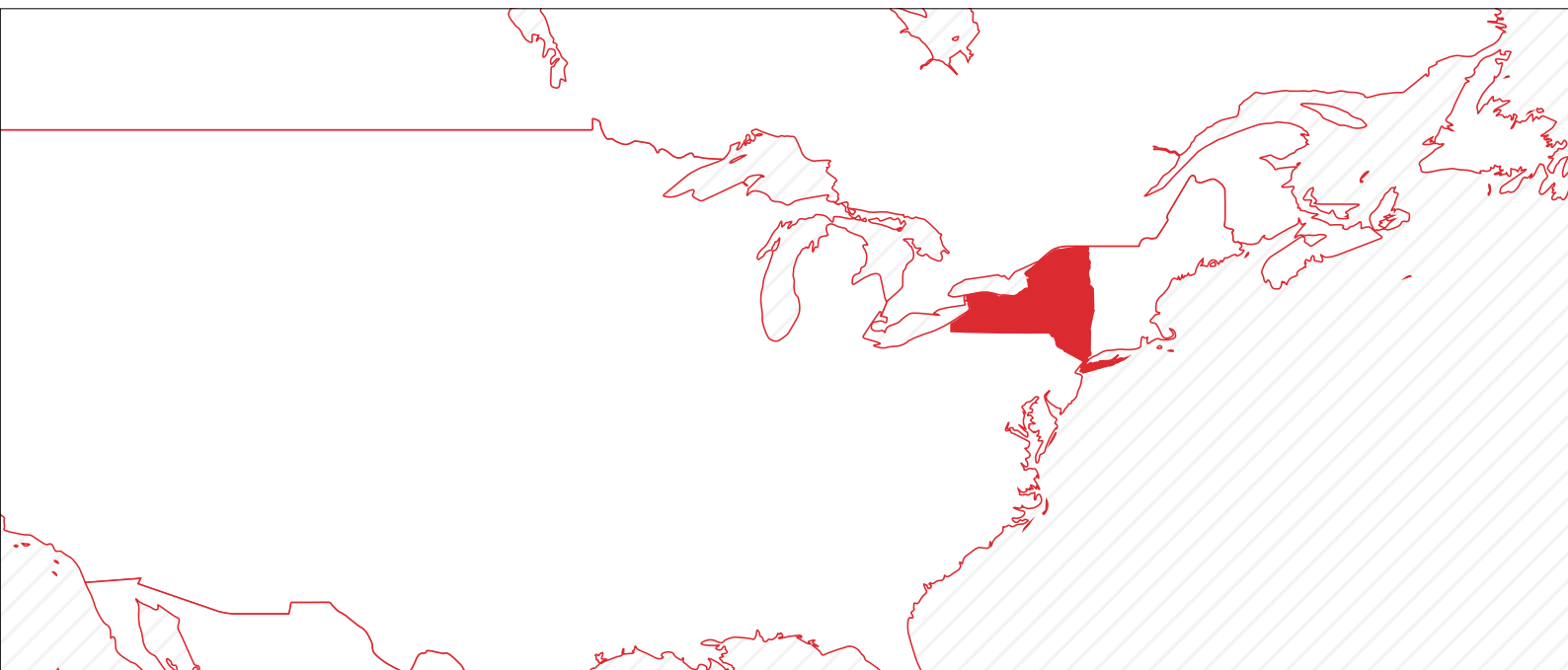
Even though 2020 was mired in uncertainty, at least one thing remained stable: the antitrust bar in Washington, DC.

RECOMMENDED

CROWELL & MORING's antitrust team in Washington, DC, was busy in 2019 and 2020 doing work for United Technologies, a client since 1981. After helping to secure approval of the aerospace and defence manufacturer's purchase of Rockwell Collins in 2018, co-chair Shawn Johnson advised UTC on its \$135 billion acquisition of Raytheon. The deal was completed in April 2020, after receiving conditional clearance from the DOJ following a 10-month investigation. Other team members who worked on the deal included DC partners Randy Smith and

Alexis Gilman. Partners Kent Gardiner and Luke van Houwelingen are leading Crowell & Moring's representation of CSX Transportation in consolidated multi-district litigation alleging that it and three other major US freight railroads conspired to fix fuel surcharge prices. The firm is also acting for United Airlines in the *Domestic Airline Travel* antitrust litigation, which involves allegations that major airlines colluded to restrict the capacity of domestic air transportation.

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RECOMMENDED				
Crowell & Moring	Shawn Johnson	9 partners 7 counsel 9 associates	2	Raytheon Technologies, AT&T, Humana, CSX, United Airlines, Marriott International, Chemours, Arconic



United States

New York

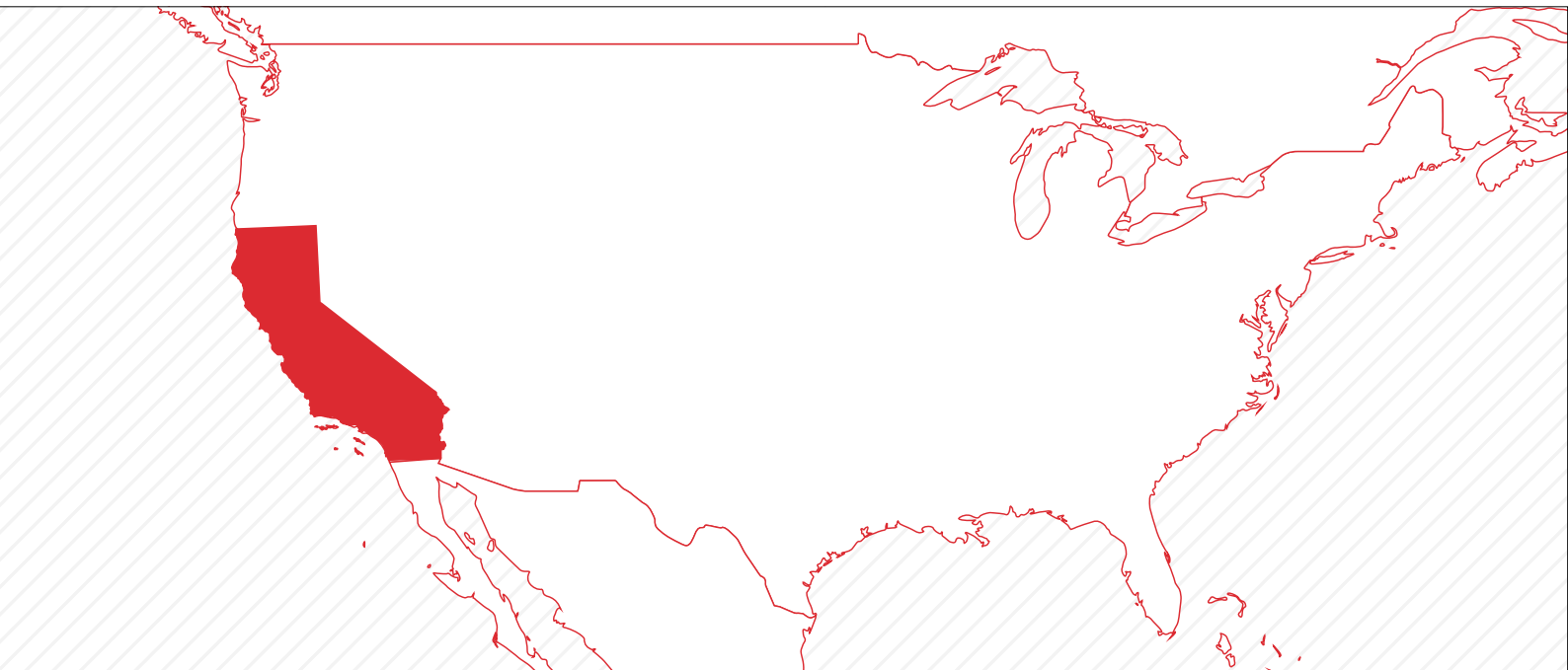
The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice might be based in Washington, DC, but there is more than enough competition work to go around within the Big Apple.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Partner Olivier Antoine leads five other partners, two counsel and four associates in **CROWELL & MORING**'s New York antitrust practice. In August, the team welcomed counsel Rosa Morales from Constantine Cannon. After helping AT&T defeat a DOJ challenge to its acquisition of Time Warner, the firm represented the telecommunications company as a third-party to *T-Mobile/Sprint*. Antoine also represented AT&T on the sale of its wireline and wireless business in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, securing conditional approval from the Antitrust Division in October 2020. New York partner Juan Arteaga is co-leading efforts on behalf of Novant Health as it seeks to secure approval of its purchase of New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The firm also acted for Shamrock Foods as a divestiture buyer of assets spun off from US Foods' purchase of Food Services of America.

Crowell is representing a prestigious New England college in a DOJ investigation examining whether various schools colluded when making early decision admissions. The team has played a leading role in forming a joint defence strategy among the schools being probed. The group has also been defending a generic pharmaceuticals company since 2014 – as well as its former chief executive – against a host of investigations by the DOJ, various states and Congress. The team has been working on the railroads, defending CSX Transportation against claims it conspired to fix prices of fuel surcharges and representing Siemens Mobility in its monopolisation lawsuit against Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp. Other notable work includes defending Turner Construction against claims of a bid-rigging conspiracy at several Bloomberg properties.

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED				
Crowell & Moring	Olivier Antoine	6 partners 2 counsel 4 associates	1	AT&T, Raytheon, Novant, CSX, Samsung, Mozilla, Turner Construction, Siemens, Walmart, Shamrock Foods



United States

California

Increased scrutiny of the major technology companies has kept competition lawyers in the world's fifth-largest economy especially busy.

RECOMMENDED

CROWELL & MORING's California antitrust practice features five partners, seven counsel and 16 associates. Partner Jason Murray leads the team, which recently suffered the departure of former partner John Gibson to DLA Piper. Crowell defended KOA against several class actions in the *Resistors* antitrust litigation, in which the parties recently settled. Murray and counsel Rob McNary and Jordan Ludwig also acted for Cardinal Health in the *Generic Pharmaceutical Pricing* antitrust litigation and the related DOJ probe. Murray is defending the Los Angeles Harbor Department against claims it conspired with

a labour union to limit terminal container development at the Port of Los Angeles. Additionally, Crowell acts for Kaiser Health against a lawsuit alleging it has sought to monopolise health insurance in Solano County, California, by underpaying for the emergency care received by its members at a rival hospital. Partner Chahira Solh represented Siemens Mobility in its monopolisation lawsuit against Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies, which ultimately resulted in a settlement. The team also defends several California restaurants against claims they conspired to impose a 3% surcharge on bills to cover healthcare costs.

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RECOMMENDED				

Crowell & Moring	Jason Murray	5 partners 7 counsel 16 associates	1	Cardinal Health, Kaiser, Los Angeles Harbor Dept, KOA, HP, United Airlines, Lenovo, Raytheon, Marriott, Siemens
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