

Crowell & Moring Antitrust Group Featured in Global Competition Review's "GCR 100" and "New York's Finest" Special Reports

Washington, D.C. – February 1, 2012: Crowell & Moring LLP's Antitrust Group has been recognized as "Highly Recommended" in *Global Competition Review's* (GCR) 2012 edition of the "GCR 100: The World's Leading Competition Practices," for the category of "United States: Government Antitrust." In addition, the Group has also been ranked as "Highly Recommended" in GCR's 2011 report of "New York's Finest" antitrust firms. GCR is the leading international journal of competition policy and regulation.

According to the GCR 100 survey, "Partners Wm. Randolph Smith and Robert A. Lipstein lead Crowell & Moring's 64-strong Antitrust Group. Partner Arthur Lerner specialises in antitrust health care matters and says work is intensifying since the US health-care reform, which will lead to more consolidation in the sector, and he expects an increase in counselling for health insurance providers and hospitals to help them navigate the recent policy changes."

The article reported on several Crowell & Moring high profile matters, including its role as co-lead counsel to client AT&T on its proposed purchase of T-Mobile. According to the survey, "The litigation docket is heaving, as the firm continues to represent defendants and plaintiffs in the markets for foam compressors, cathode ray tubes, air cargo, liquid crystal display and auto filters, as well as handling various agriculture lawsuits. The team is also handling the plaintiff's work for AT&T, Motorola, Target, and others in the LCD multi-district antitrust class action. The team has also advised CSX Transportation in the rail freight fuel surcharge class action, and Oracle - formerly Sun Microsystems - in the DRAM case. DuPont and Yamaha are also clients."

The second accolade, appearing in GCR's "New York's Finest" report, acknowledges Crowell & Moring's New York antitrust team for its success in one of the most competitive markets in the country, "Perhaps no New York antitrust team has boosted its profile more in the past year than Crowell & Moring LLP...The [New York] office's group of skilled litigators have worked with Crowell's strong Washington, D.C., and European benches to manage the kinds of competition cases that could make its rivals envious. The New York team has the ability and expertise to handle every kind of antitrust issue, from mergers to criminal prosecutions – and do it well."

The article goes on to point out, "The firm's work for AT&T in its contested merger with rival T-Mobile tops the marquee. The deal is the largest and most high-profile merger challenge in a decade or more, and [Olivier] Antoine and the New York team have been front and centre in defence of the merger... Other work has been equally impressive, including a section 1 claim against client AOL, defending SAS in the air cargo cartel investigation and subsequent private litigation, and individual defendants involved in the municipal bond bid-rigging case."

In addition to these surveys, Crowell & Moring Antitrust Group attorneys Kent A. Gardiner, Wm. Randolph Smith, and Olivier N. Antoine have been named to GCR's "International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers."

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