

## Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group Listed as "Highly Recommended" in *Global Competition Review's* 19th Annual "GCR 100"

**Washington – February 22, 2019:** Crowell & Moring LLP's Antitrust Group has again been recognized as "Highly Recommended" in *Global Competition Review's* (GCR) 19th edition of the "GCR 100" – the leading ranking of the world's competition policy law and economics practices. This marks the fourth year in a row in which the firm was ranked as "Highly Recommended" in Washington, D.C. and New York. Additionally, the group was ranked as "Recommended" in California. GCR is the leading international journal of competition policy and regulation.

The editors of the GCR 100 survey in the Washington, D.C. category note that Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group "has 'a number of good people'... while another rival admires the firm's client list. Antitrust co-chairs Shari Ross Lahlou and [Jason C. Murray](#) were joined in September 2018 by [Alexis Gilman](#), previously the assistant director of the Mergers IV division in the Bureau of Competition at the FTC. The firm has expanded and diversified while retaining long-standing customers such as AT&T." A team led by vice-chair [Shawn Johnson](#) also represented United Technologies in its \$30 billion acquisition of Rockwell Collins, the largest transaction in aviation history.

Additionally, the report highlights the group's work representing CSX Transportation in a consolidated class action filed by rail freight transportation services purchasers, and the team's work defending United Continental against allegations that it colluded to restrict domestic air transportation capacity and raised ticket prices. The editorial notes that Crowell & Moring represents eight Blue Cross Blue Shield companies in more than 50 nationwide antitrust class actions alleging a conspiracy to limit competition through exclusive service areas and other restrictions.

Regarding the New York office, GCR reports that "Crowell & Moring's antitrust practice provides merger, investigations and civil litigation services. [Olivier N. Antoine](#) leads the team, which added former Deputy Assistant Attorney General [Juan A. Arteaga](#) in July 2017. The firm's work remained at a high level in the past year, as it served as co-lead counsel for longtime client AT&T in its merger with Time Warner. Crowell & Moring has also been United Technologies' lead antitrust counsel in its \$30 billion acquisition of Rockwell Collins, the largest aviation merger ever. AT&T, Siemens and DaVita all retained the firm's services on other deals, government investigations and potential litigation."

Finally, GCR notes the team's involvement in "most of the major DOJ probes in recent years...The firm counsels a generic drug maker in connection with parallel investigations being conducted by the DOJ, Congress, and several state attorneys general regarding a potential price-fixing and market allocation scheme."

In its California profile of the Group, GCR notes that the firm has "a high-quality antitrust practice in California, with a specialization in representing opt-out plaintiffs, such as General Motors and Lenovo, whose follow-on damages claims – against the roll-on roll-off vehicle shipping and battery cartels, respectively – are big enough to be worth bringing outside a class action."

The report also highlights co-chair Jason Murray: "As head of strategic growth in the state for the whole firm, he says he is well positioned to boost the size of his team even further."

[The firm's complete GCR 100 profile can be seen here.](#)

In addition to this survey, Crowell & Moring Antitrust Group attorneys Wm. Randolph Smith, Olivier N. Antoine, Daniel A. Sasse, Alexis J. Gilman, and Sean-Paul Brankin have been named to GCR's "International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers."

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