

## Longtime Jones Day Antitrust Atty Joins Crowell & Moring

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*Law360 (February 13, 2024, 12:33 AM EST)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Tuesday that a veteran Jones Day antitrust attorney with nearly 25 years of experience working on major cartel investigations and class actions joined the firm's Los Angeles office as a partner.

Eric Enson joined Crowell & Moring last Wednesday after spending the entirety of his career with Jones Day. He told Law360 that he was drawn to the firm after having positive experiences working with the firm's attorneys both as co-counsel and opposing counsel on a number of antitrust matters throughout his career.



Eric Enson

"Over the years, I have worked against Crowell as opposing counsel, and I've worked with Crowell as co-counsel as well," Enson said. "The Crowell antitrust lawyers have always impressed me. They consistently demonstrate remarkable skill and genuine collegiality, which I believe is a winning combination that leads to excellent client service."

Enson added that the firm's ability to respond to the constant changes that the antitrust field experiences was another factor that led him to join.

"Antitrust is a field where change is coming from every direction, whether due to technological advances that are changing business models, new approaches from the DOJ, or new strategies from the plaintiffs' bar," Enson said. "Crowell is incredibly nimble and responsive to its clients' changing needs."

Enson graduated from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles and he said that his practice is more or less evenly split between criminal antitrust litigation and antitrust civil litigation and counseling, representing a wide range of clients with a substantial amount of work occurring in the technology, manufacturing and transportation sectors.

"Eric is a highly respected litigator who has in-depth trial experience and can lead a client through every stage of defending both criminal and civil litigation," antitrust co-chair Jason Murray said in a statement. "We are proud to welcome Eric to our team because of the deep experience he offers clients and the remarkable mentorship he will bring to our up-and-coming litigators on the West Coast."

At the moment, Enson said that one of the biggest challenges the firm's clients are facing when it comes to antitrust matters is the government's increased enforcement of antitrust laws, especially in tech, adding that there are more open grand jury investigations than ever before.

"DOJ's approach to these cases is also changing, including the use of novel liability theories in cartel investigations," Enson said. "Companies need to understand how Washington is changing its view of enforcement and how to prepare for greater scrutiny. Rigorous enforcement is likely only to increase as AI and pricing algorithms make competitors appear more similar. We are also seeing interesting questions arise as competitors collaborate on ESG and climate change initiatives."

Along with Enson's hire, Crowell & Moring announced the addition of cybersecurity partner Rafi Azim-Khan in London and San Francisco earlier this month. In January, aviation and transportation partner Amna Arshad joined the firm's Washington, D.C., office and partner Richard Holbrook rejoined the firm's corporate group in Washington, D.C., after a stint as Paradigm's general counsel and chief legal officer based in Singapore.

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