



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

*INSIDE THE*  
**BUREAU OF  
COMPETITION**

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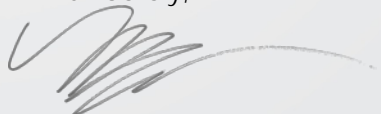
Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to reinstate the Bureau's practice of providing a guide to the Bureau, "Inside BC." *Inside BC* introduces our managers and staff and provides a description of the Bureau's work to improve transparency and communication. With our six Litigation Divisions, three Regional Offices, the Premerger Notification Office, the Compliance Division, and the Office of Policy and Coordination, the Bureau works to prevent or eliminate anticompetitive mergers and conduct that harms American consumers and undermines the competitive process.

We are greatly aided in our mission by open lines of communication, whether to provide us with additional information, to bring issues to our attention, or to respond to our requests. We hope that providing descriptions of our groups, listings of staff within each group, and general contact information will help you get to know us better and will assist you in quickly identifying the best person or persons to contact regarding competition issues.

For general inquiries, you can contact us at [antitrust@ftc.gov](mailto:antitrust@ftc.gov). To learn more about our work, check out the many resources of the Bureau on the FTC's website at [www.ftc.gov/bc](http://www.ftc.gov/bc).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Hoffman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Bruce Hoffman  
Director

## Director's Office



Ian Conner, Haidee Schwartz, D. Bruce Hoffman, and Marian Bruno

## Bureau Leadership

**D. Bruce Hoffman**, Director, manages the Bureau's almost 300 employees. Bruce was appointed Acting Director in August 2017, and then Director in May 2018. Prior to rejoining the Commission in 2017, Bruce was in private practice where he handled antitrust litigation, counseling, and mergers and acquisitions. Bruce previously served as Deputy Director of the Bureau from 2003-2004, and Associate Director from 2001-2003. Bruce is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Law.

**Marian Bruno**, Deputy Director, oversees the Bureau's Premerger Notification Office, Compliance Division, Office of Policy and Coordination, Operations Division, Honors Paralegal Program, and the Technology and Information Management Division. Marian was named Deputy Director in 2008, having previously served as an Associate Director, and Assistant Director of the Premerger Notification Office. Marian joined the Commission in 1990.

**Ian Conner**, Deputy Director, oversees Mergers III, Mergers IV, the Anticompetitive Practices Division, and competition matters in the Northwest Regional Office and Western Regional Office. He began his career in the Honors Program at the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, and was a staff attorney in the Transportation, Energy and Agriculture Section of the Division. Ian worked in private practice in Washington, DC before joining the Commission in 2017.

**Haidee Schwartz**, Acting Deputy Director, oversees Mergers I, Mergers II, the Health Care Division, and competition matters in the Northeast Regional Office. Before serving as Acting Deputy Director, Haidee served as an Attorney Advisor on antitrust issues to Federal Trade Commission Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen. Haidee was previously in private practice in Washington, DC.



Daniel Francis, Lynda Lao, Krisha Cerilli, and Heather Johnson

## Counsels to the Director

**Daniel Francis** joined the FTC in 2018 as Senior Counsel to the Director. Prior to joining the Commission, Daniel was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School and in private practice. Daniel has an M.A. in Law from Trinity College, University of Cambridge, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

**Lynda Lao, Krisha Cerilli, and Heather Johnson** currently serve as Counsels to the Director. Lynda joined the FTC in 2008 and is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago's School of Law. Lynda previously worked in Mergers I. Krisha came to the FTC in 2014 and joined the Director's Office from Mergers IV. Krisha is a graduate of Georgetown Law. Heather joined the FTC in 2012 and is a graduate of Emory University School of Law. Before serving in the Director's Office, Heather was a staff attorney in Healthcare.





Thomas Dillickrath and Charles Loughlin

## The Litigation Group

The Director's Office is also home to the Bureau's Litigation Group. **Charles Loughlin**, Chief Trial Counsel, heads a team of experienced litigators and litigation support professionals who lead BC cases in litigation, and provide counseling, support, or other assistance on active matters. The Litigation Group also provides training to staff. Chuck was named Chief Trial Counsel in 2016, having previously served as Deputy Chief Trial Counsel. Chuck joined the Commission in 2015. **Thomas Dillickrath** serves as lead counsel for BC cases in litigation, provides guidance and support on other active matters, and assist sin managing the BC Litigation Group. Tom joined the FTC as Deputy Chief Trial Counsel in January 2017.

## The Division's Staff

- Devon Allen
- Thomas Brock
- Teresa Martin
- Daniel Matheson
- Jennifer Milici
- Corene Wint

## Premerger Notification Office



Robert Jones and Kathryn Walsh

### The Division's Management

**Robert Jones**, Assistant Director, leads the division. Bob is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and joined the Commission in 1990. Bob moved to the Premerger Office in 1998 and became Deputy Assistant Director in 2001. Bob was named Assistant Director in 2014. **Kathryn Walsh**, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and joined the Commission in 2007. Kate was named Deputy Assistant Director in 2014.

### The Division's Work

The Premerger Notification Office administers the HSR program for both the FTC and the DOJ. Experts in HSR law and practice, PNO staff conduct the initial review of transactions subject to the HSR Act, and coordinate the clearance process between the FTC and the DOJ. PNO staff respond to thousands of calls each year about premerger filing requirements and can be easily accessed by calling the main PNO office number, 202-326-3100.

## The Division's Staff

- Karen Berg
- Timothy Carson
- Lanea Haynes
- Theresa Kingsberry
- Kristin Shaffer
- Samuel Sheinberg
- Nora Whitehead



## Office of Policy & Coordination



James Mongoven and Kelly Signs

### The Division's Management

The office is led by **James Mongoven**, Assistant Director. Jim is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and holds a PhD in Economics from Notre Dame. Jim joined the FTC in 1984 and served as an Attorney Advisor to former Chairman Pitofsky. **Kelly Signs**, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. Kelly came to the FTC out of law school in 1985, before leaving to work first for the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Monopolies, and Business Rights in the U.S. Senate, and then as a staff attorney at the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Kelly came back to the FTC in 2007, and has been instrumental in helping to develop plain language business guidance and in managing numerous projects for the Bureau.

### The Division's Work

OPC works with Bureau and Commission staff on litigation matters, speeches, testimony, appellate briefs, advisory opinions, and briefing papers. OPC attorneys also answer general antitrust inquiries received through [antitrust@ftc.gov](mailto:antitrust@ftc.gov) or the BC Phone Line at (202) 326-3300.

## The Division's Staff

- Jeanine Balbach
- Alan Friedman
- James Frost
- Julie Goshorn
- Christopher Grengs
- Erika Meyers
- Andrea Zach

## Mergers I



Daniel Zach, Michael Moiseyev, and James Weiss

### The Division's Management

**Michael Moiseyev**, Assistant Director, leads the division. Mike is a graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and joined the Commission in 1989. In 2003 Mike was appointed Deputy Assistant Director and became Assistant Director later that year. **James Weiss** and **Daniel Zach** are the Deputy Assistant Directors. James joined the FTC in 2006 and is a graduate of the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. Dan joined the FTC in 2006 and is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center.

### The Division's Work

The division's primary area of responsibility is reviewing transactions in health care-related industries, including branded and generic pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution, medical devices, and consumer health products. The division also handles matters involving defense, scientific, industrial, technology, and consumer products. Mergers I has also been active in technology markets, such as those involving online search engines (Google/AdMob) and audience measurement services (Nielsen/Arbitron).

## The Division's Staff

- Jordan Andrew
- Michael Barnett
- Stephanie Bovee
- Dylan Brown
- Peter Colwell
- William Cooke
- Lisa DeMarchi-Sleigh
- Yan Gao
- David Gonen
- Meghan Iorianni
- Lynda Lao
- Steven Lavender
- Betty McNeil
- Jacqueline Mendel
- Stephen Mohr
- Samantha Morelli
- Joseph Neely
- Brian O'Dea
- Christina Perez
- Amy Posner
- Jonathan Ripa
- Stephen Rodger
- Jasmine Rosner
- Catherine Sanchez
- Vanessa Schlueter
- Mark Silvia
- Aylin Skroejer
- James Southworth
- Christine Tasso
- Kari Wallace
- Elyssa Wenzel
- Sarah Wohl

## Mergers II



Dominic Vote, Benjamin Gris, and James Rhilinger

### The Division's Management

**Benjamin Gris**, the Assistant Director, is a 2002 graduate of Georgetown Law and joined the Commission in 2006. Ben was appointed Deputy Assistant Director in 2011, and became Assistant Director in 2015. The Deputy Assistant Directors are **James Rhilinger** and **Dominic Vote**. James joined the FTC in 2004 and is a graduate of Catholic University School of Law. Dominic came to the FTC in 2010 and is a graduate of the American University Washington College of Law.

### The Division's Work

The Mergers II Division oversees a wide variety of industries including coal mines, chemicals, entertainment, and computer hardware and software. The division has successfully challenged mergers in both federal and administrative courts, including CCC/ Mitchell (auto insurance software) and Polypore (battery separators).

## The Division's Staff

- James Abell
- Cem Akleman
- Natasha Allen
- Stephen Antonio
- Peggy Bayer-Femenella
- Michael Blevins
- Alicia Burns-Wright
- Maria Cirincione
- Mac Conforti
- Steven Dahm
- Llewellyn Davis
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- Eric Elmore
- Michael Franchak
- Matthew Gessesse
- Joshua Goodman
- Sean Hughto
- Frances Anne Johnson
- Janet Kim
- Joonsuk Lee
- Meredith Levert
- Michael Lovinger
- Lincoln Mayer
- David Morris
- Jon Nathan
- Merrick Pastore
- Blake Risenmay
- Kristian Rogers
- Lily Rudy
- Robert Tovsky
- Cecilia Waldeck
- Steve Wilensky



## Mergers III



Brian Telpner, Peter Richman, and Patricia Galvan

### The Division's Management

**Peter Richman**, the Assistant Director for Mergers III, is a graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and joined the Commission in 1990. In 2006, Peter was appointed Deputy Assistant Director and became Assistant Director in 2016. **Patricia Galvan** and **Brian Telpner** are the Deputy Assistant Directors. Patricia is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School and joined the FTC in 1999. Brian is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and joined the Commission in 2004.

### The Division's Work

The Mergers III Division specializes in mergers spanning multiple levels of the oil and gas industry – refining, pipeline transport, terminal operations, marketing, and retail sales. In addition to oil and gas, Mergers III has developed expertise in real estate and property-related products and services, digital database and information services, industrial manufacturing and distribution, hotel franchising, and title insurance. Recent investigations in these industries include Zillow/Trulia, CoreLogic/TPG, and Fidelity/LPS. Additionally, Mergers III has recently reviewed cases in the liquor, toy, and sports entertainment industries.

## The Division's Staff

- Helder Agostinho
- Catherine Bill
- Michael Blaisdell
- Shane Bryan
- Nicholas Bush
- Mary Alice Casale
- Keitha Clopper
- Eric Cochran
- Steven Couper
- Jessica Drake
- Clarke Edwards
- Carolyn Isaac
- Marc Lanoue
- Ashley Masters
- Eric Olson
- Kara Reid
- Kathryn Robinette
- Marc Schneider
- Christina Shackelford
- Terry Thomas
- Julia Zhang

## Mergers IV



Melissa Hill, Kevin Hahm, and Mark Seidman

### The Division's Management

**Kevin Hahm** was appointed Assistant Director in 2018, after serving as Deputy Assistant Director for the Mergers IV Division since 2013.

**Melissa Hill** and **Mark Seidman** are the Deputy Assistant Directors in Mergers IV. Melissa joined the FTC in 2012 and is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. Mark is a graduate of the George Washington University Law School and joined the Commission in 2005.

### The Division's Work

The Mergers IV Division investigates transactions involving hospitals, consumer goods, supermarkets, funeral homes, and retail outlets. The division recently litigated a number of cases in federal court and through the Commission's administrative process, including Sanford; Staples/Office Depot; Advocate Health Care/NorthShore University HealthSystem; Sysco/US Foods; ProMedica Health System/St. Luke's Hospital; Phoebe Putney Health System/Palmyra Memorial Hospital; and OSF Healthcare/Rockford Health System.

## The Division's Staff

- Elizabeth Arens
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- Emily Bowne
- Alexander Bryson
- Christopher Caputo
- Krisha Cerilli
- Stephanie Cummings
- Charles Dickinson
- Maria DiMoscato
- Guia Dixon
- Michelle Fetterman
- Jamie France
- Christopher Harris
- Elisa Kantor
- Laura Krachman
- Amanda Lewis
- Matthew McDonald
- Michael Mikawa
- Jeanne Liu Nichols
- David Owyang
- Rohan Pai
- Nancy Park
- Sean Pugh
- Anthony Saunders
- Joshua Smith
- Sophia Vandergrift
- Goldie Veronica Walker
- Cathleen Williams
- Stelios Xenakis
- Robert Zuver

## Health Care



Bradley Albert, Markus Meier, and Kara Monahan

### The Division's Management

**Markus Meier**, Assistant Director, is a graduate of George Mason School of Law. Markus began his career at the FTC over 20 years ago after serving as an officer in the U.S. Army. **Bradley Albert**, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Duke University School of Law, joined the FTC in 1998. **Kara Monahan**, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Rutgers Law School, and joined the FTC in 2012.

### The Division's Work

The Health Care Division investigates the business activities of physicians and other health professionals, pharmaceutical companies, institutional providers, and insurers. The division's early work led to several landmark cases in the Supreme Court and lower federal courts applying antitrust law principals to conduct by physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers. Today, a major focus of the Health Care Division is the FTC's effort to stop anticompetitive pay-for-delay agreements among pharmaceutical companies that unlawfully insulate branded drugs from competition from lower-cost generic drugs. The division also provides guidance on health care competition to policy makers, federal and foreign agencies, industry, and the public; much of this guidance is available on the Health Care webpages.

## The Division's Staff

- Meredyth Smith Andrus
- Armine Black
- Daniel Bradley
- Daniel Butrymowicz
- Robert Canterman
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- Elizabeth Hilder
- Jordy Hur
- Garth Huston
- June Im
- Heather Johnson
- Nicholas Leefer
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- Joseph Mathias
- Thomas Mays
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- Tatyana O'Neil
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- Maren Schmidt
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- Eric Sprague
- Peter Taylor
- Jamie Towe
- James Weingarten
- Rebecca Weinstein
- Randall Weinsten
- Matthew Weprin



## Anticompetitive Practices



Joseph Baker, Geoffrey Green, and Barbara Blank

### The Division's Management

**Geoffrey Green**, Assistant Director, is a graduate of the Harvard Law School. Geoffrey joined the Commission in 1990 and was appointed Assistant Director in 2013. **Barbara Blank**, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and joined the Commission in 2007. **Joseph Baker**, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Columbia School of Law and joined the Commission in 2012.

### The Division's Work

ACP is the center of the Bureau's enforcement efforts against anticompetitive conduct in industries other than health care and pharmaceuticals. ACP's work involves not only stopping illegal conduct but also shaping the law. ACP's ongoing work includes issues of intellectual property rights, attempts by professional and regulatory boards to limit competition, and immunities from and exceptions to the antitrust laws. ACP has become well-known for a series of cases involving anticompetitive conduct by members of standard-setting organizations.

## The Division's Staff

- Dana Abrahamsen
- Alexander Ansaldo
- Wesley Carson
- Gustav Chiarello
- Kathleen Clair
- Kent Cox
- Nathaniel Hopkin
- Mika Ikeda
- Armando Irizarry
- Rajesh James
- Philip Kehl
- Christine Kennedy
- Lisa Kopchik
- Stephanie Langley
- William Lanning
- Joan Lomax
- Abbott McCartney
- Kenneth Merber
- Karen Mills
- Steven Osnowitz
- Aaron Ross
- Charlotte Slaiman
- Michael Turner
- Melissa Westman-Cherry
- Mark Woodward

## Compliance



Elizabeth Piotrowski, Roberta Baruch, and Eric Rohlck

### The Division's Management

The division is led by Acting Assistant Director **Roberta Baruch**. She is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and 40- year FTC veteran. **Elizabeth Piotrowski**, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and **Eric Rohlck**, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School.

### The Division's Work

The Compliance Division staff help draft and negotiate Commission orders and oversee company conduct required by orders. Compliance staff review proposed divestitures, go to court to enforce Commission orders, and seek penalties for order violations. The staff also evaluate requests to reopen, modify, or set aside orders, and render advice to respondents regarding order obligations. The division also investigates possible violations of the HSR Act and recommends enforcement actions when violations are found.

## The Division's Staff

- Jeff Dahnke
- Paul Frangie
- Kelly Horne
- Susan Huber
- Jennifer Lee
- Kenneth Libby
- Victoria Lippincott
- Sebastian Lorigo
- Angelike Mina
- Danielle Simms
- Arthur Strong
- Jacqueline Tapp
- David Von Nirschl

## Northwest Region - Seattle



Charles Harwood

### The Division's Management

**Charles Harwood**, Regional Director, is a graduate of the Willamette University College of Law, serves as the Director of Northwest Regional Office. Chuck previously served as Acting Director and Deputy Director in the Bureau of Consumer Protection in Washington, DC. He joined the Commission in 1989.

### The Division's Work

The Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) located in Seattle, WA handles competition matters in online and other retail markets, as well as health care products and services, eyewear, casino gaming, natural resources, professional associations, internet applications, and numerous other industries.

Recent highlights include settlements in Red Ventures/Bankrate (Caring.com), involving online placement services for senior living facilities; and Valeant Pharmaceuticals (Paragon), involving "buttons" from which some specialized contact lenses are made. NWRO recently coauthored several comments requested by state legislators concerning occupational licensing- related legislative proposals.

## The Division's Staff

- Danica Noble
- Stuart Hirschfeld
- Joseph Lipinsky
- Connor Shively



## The Western Region – San Francisco



Thomas Dahdouh

### The Division's Management

**Thomas Dahdouh**, Regional Director, is a graduate of Harvard Law School, is the Regional Director of the Western Regional Office.

### The Division's Work

The San Francisco Office of the Western Region (WRSF) pursues important antitrust matters, both merger and conduct related that are centered primarily in those states. The region's competition investigations have targeted critical sectors, focusing particularly on health care products and services (including physicians and non-physician providers and hospitals) and high technology (including monopolization investigations in microprocessors and Internet search engines).

In past years, WR-SF attorneys have litigated highly significant conduct cases, such as the Blue Rhino-AmeriGas and the Benco/Schein/Patterson collusion matters. The office has also obtained significant relief in merger investigations involving products and services as varied as healthcare, propane distribution, and air ambulances.

## The Division's Staff

- Yasser Dandashly
- Eric Edmondson
- Karen Goff
- Matthew Gold
- Lin Kahn
- Sylvia Kundig
- Jessica Moy
- Kelly Ortiz
- Ronnie Solomon
- John Wiegand
- Erika Wodinsky
- Boris Yankilovich

## The Northeast Region – New York



William Efron

### The Division's Management

**William Efron**, Regional Director, is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, is the Regional Director of the Northeast Regional Office.

### The Division's Work

The Northeast Regional Office (NERO), located in New York City, handles merger and conduct investigations and litigations across an array of industries.

Recent highlights include successfully litigating the FTC's challenge to the Hershey/Pinnacle hospital merger. NERO secured a preliminary injunction blocking the transaction with a Third Circuit opinion validating the FTC's analysis of hospital mergers. NERO also investigated Cardinal's alleged monopolization of 25 radiopharmaceutical markets. The resulting federal court settlement provided for injunctive relief and payment of \$26.8 million in alleged ill-gotten gains. NERO has obtained divestitures in BD/Bard (medical devices); Emerson/Pentair (valve components); Cardinal/ Biotech (radiopharmacies); Nufarm (herbicides); Lubrizol/Lockhart (oxidates); and Rite Aid/Eckerd (pharmacies). Past litigations include challenging D&B's acquisition of QED (divestiture of marketing database) and an administrative trial against NTSP (finding physician group engaged in price fixing).

## The Division's Staff

- Charlene Claxton
- Ryan Harsch
- Jolanta Marchel
- Jared Nagley
- Jonathan Platt
- Patricia Perez
- Susan Raitt
- Geralyn Trujillo
- Theodore Zang

# Office Locations

THE BUREAU OF COMPETITION has offices and staff in two buildings in Washington, DC.

## HEADQUARTERS

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

## CONSTITUTION CENTER

400 7th Street, SW

The Director’s Office is located in FTC Headquarters. Mergers I, Mergers II, Mergers III, Mergers IV, Anticompetitive Practices, Health Care, and the Compliance Divisions, as well as the Premerger Notification Office and Office of Policy and Coordination, are located in the Constitution Center Building.

Visitors to our offices must show government-issued identification with a photograph and must go through a metal detector. Please confirm the address of the Bureau staff that you are meeting with and arrive a few minutes early to accommodate security. Each building is about a 15-minute taxi ride from Reagan National Airport.

The Headquarters Building is located across the street from the Archives/Navy Memorial Metro Station on the Yellow and Green lines. The Constitution Center Building is located at L'Enfant Plaza Station on the Metro’s Yellow and Green lines.

# Mailing Addresses

## Washington, DC

### HEADQUARTERS

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NW Washington, DC 20580

### CONSTITUTION CENTER

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Washington, DC 20580

## Regional Offices

### NERO – New York

One Bowling Green, Suite 318  
New York, NY 10004

### NWRO - Seattle

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Seattle, WA 98174

### WRO – San Francisco

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San Francisco, CA 94103

# Contact Us

## Fax Numbers & Email

### Fax Numbers

Office of the Director	(202) 326-2884
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Premerger Notification	(202) 326-2624
Mergers I	(202) 326-2655
Mergers II	(202) 326-2071
Mergers III	(202) 326-3383
Mergers IV	(202) 326-2286
Anticompetitive Practices	(202) 326-3496
Health Care	(202) 326-3384
Compliance	(202) 326-3396

### Email Addresses

Protocol is generally: first initial (no period) last name@ftc.gov  
Example: John Doe, [jdoe@ftc.gov](mailto:jdoe@ftc.gov)

Premerger Notification Office (PNO)  
For Questions Regarding the HSR Act and Rules: [HSRHelp@ftc.gov](mailto:HSRHelp@ftc.gov)

### Complaints

To refer a complaint to the Bureau of Competition, you may call or write to the Director’s Office or any of the Bureau’s Divisions. If you are uncertain of where to direct a complaint, you may use the address for the Office of Policy and Coordination:

Federal Trade Commission  
Bureau of Competition  
Office of Policy and Coordination, CC-5422  
400 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20580  
Electronic Mail: [antitrust@ftc.gov](mailto:antitrust@ftc.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 326-3300



## Other Offices at the FTC

### OFFICES OF THE COMMISSIONERS

The Commission consists of five Commissioners, one of whom is designated Chairman by the President. The Commissioners are the ultimate decision-makers at the FTC, and every litigation complaint, consent order, subpoena, or civil investigative demand must be authorized by the Commission. Each Commissioner has his or her own staff of Attorney Advisors and Assistants. Parties subject to an FTC investigation often wish to meet individually with the Commissioners. You can consult Bureau staff assigned to your matter for assistance in contacting the Commissioners' offices.

### BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP) works to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent practices in the marketplace. BCP conducts investigations, sues companies and people who violate the law, develops rules to protect consumers, and educates consumers and businesses about their rights and responsibilities. BCP also collects complaints about consumer fraud and identity theft and makes them available to various law enforcement agencies across the country. BCP is also well-known for its work in securing the rights for consumers to receive free credit reports, establishing the National Do Not Call Registry to block unwanted telemarketing calls, and enforcing laws that require product warranties, care labels in clothing, and labels showing the energy costs on home appliances.

### BUREAU OF ECONOMICS

The Bureau of Economics (BE) provides economic analysis and support to antitrust and consumer protection investigations and rulemakings. It also analyzes the impact of government regulation on competition and consumers and provides Congress, the Executive Branch, and the public with economic analyses of market processes as they relate to antitrust, consumer protection, and regulation.

### OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

The major functions of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) are representing the Commission in federal court (mainly in the appeals process) and providing legal counsel to the Commission, bureaus, and other offices. The Office also handles all requests for amici curiae and information under the Freedom of Information Act.

## **OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) serves both as an internal resource to Commission staff on international aspects of their work and as an FTC representative with international organizations. The FTC cooperates with foreign authorities through formal and informal agreements and the OIA coordinates this activity for the FTC. The OIA also leads the FTC's work with more than 100 foreign competition and consumer protection authorities around the world to promote sound policy approaches.

## **OFFICE OF POLICY PLANNING**

The Office of Policy Planning (OPP) assists the Commission to develop and implement long-range competition and consumer protection policy initiatives and advises staff on cases raising new or complex policy and legal issues. OPP staff prepare filings before other federal, state, and local governments that advocate for the adoption of policies that rely on the competitive process.

## **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary is the Commission's "court clerk," responsible for implementing the Commission's voting procedures; creating official records of its decisions; receiving and serving Commission orders, public comments, and other official documents; and coordinating the preparation of responses to congressional constituent inquiries.