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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 Technology Task Force, 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. To learn more about our work, check out the many resources of the Bureau on the FTC’s website at www.ftc.gov/bc.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hoffman
Director
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.

Gail Levine, Deputy Director, oversees Mergers I, Mergers II, Health Care, the Technology Task Force, and the Northeastern Regional Office. She began her FTC career serving as an Attorney Advisor to Chairman Deborah Majoras, as Deputy Assistant General Counsel, and as Assistant Director of the Office of Policy Planning. Gail also was a trial lawyer in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Prior to joining the FTC as Deputy Director Gail served as Director of U.S. Competition Law at Uber Technologies, Inc., and previously was Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Verizon Communications Inc.
Associate Director, Digital Markets

Daniel Francis

Daniel Francis is the Associate Director of Digital Markets and oversees the work of the Technology Task Force. Daniel 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 worked in private practice. Daniel has an M.A. in Law from Trinity College, University of Cambridge, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

Counsels to the Director

Mika Ikeda, Heather Johnson, and Ryan Quillian currently serve as Counsels to the Bureau Director. Mika joined the FTC in 2012 as a staff attorney in Anticompetitive Practices and is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. Heather also 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 the Health Care Division. Ryan Quillian joined the FTC in 2014 and is graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in 2009. Prior to being assigned as Counsel to the Bureau Director, Ryan worked as an Attorney Advisor to the Office of Commissioner Phillips, and Acting Deputy Assistant Director for the Mergers IV Division.
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 (DCTC). Chuck joined the Commission in 2015. **Jennifer Milici** currently serves as lead counsel for BC cases in litigation, provides guidance and support on other active matters, and assists in managing the BC Litigation Group. Jennifer joined the FTC in 2014 and was promoted to DCTC in June 2019.

**The Division’s Staff**

- Devon Allen
- Thomas Brock
- Jonathan Lasken
- Teresa Martin
- Daniel Matheson
- 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 reached by calling the main PNO office number, 202-326-3100.
The Division’s Staff

- Karen Berg
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- Nora Whitehead
Office of Policy & Coordination

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 previously 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 or the BC Phone Line at (202) 326-3300.
The Division’s Staff

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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

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Mergers II

The Division’s Management

Dominic Vote, the Assistant Director, is a 2002 graduate of American University Washington College of Law and joined the Commission in 2006. Dominic was appointed Deputy Assistant Director in 2015, and became Assistant Director in 2018. The Deputy Assistant Directors are Peggy Bayer Femenella and James Rhilinger. Peggy joined the FTC in 2000 and is a graduate of the George Washington University Law School. Peggy previously worked in the Anticompetitive Practices Division and as Counsel to the Director. James joined the FTC in 2004 and is a graduate of Catholic University School 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), Tronox/Cristal (paint/industrial coatings) and Wilhelmsen/Drew (marine water treatment chemicals/services).
The Division’s Staff

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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. Jessica Drake and Brian Telpner are the Deputy Assistant Directors. Jessica is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and joined the FTC in 2009. Brian is also 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.

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Mergers IV

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 Health System; 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

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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

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Anticompetitive Practices

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. Mark Woodward, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and joined the Commission in 2009.

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.
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The primary focus of the Technology Task Force (TTF) is to identify and investigate anticompetitive conduct (including consummated mergers) in markets in which digital technology is an important dimension of competition, such as on-line platforms, digital advertising, social networking, software, operating systems, and streaming services. The TTF will leverage its existing expertise and work with other Commission staff, including technologists, to develop a deep understanding of some unique features of complex, dynamic digital markets.
The Division’s Staff

- Stephen Antonio
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The office is led by Maribeth Petrizzi, Assistant Director. Maribeth came to the FTC out of Boston College Law School in 1990, before leaving to work first in private practice, and then to work as an attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Maribeth served as the Chief of the Defense, Industrials, and Aerospace Section in the Antitrust Division from 2003 to 2019. She returned to the FTC in 2019 when she was named the Assistant Director. Eric Rohlck, Deputy Assistant Director for Compliance, joined the FTC in 1986, and is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School. In addition to his 27 years in the Compliance Division, Eric previously served as Counsel to the Bureau Director and worked in the Mergers II division.

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

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- Susan Huber
- Jennifer Lee
- Kenneth Libby
- Victoria Lippincott
- Sebastian Lorigo
- Angelike Mina
- Danielle Sims
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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
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- Joseph Lipinsky
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The Western Region - San Francisco

The Division’s Management

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

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, WRSF 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

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- Kelly Ortiz
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The Northeast Region - New York

The Division’s Management

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

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
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- Jared Nagley
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Office Locations

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

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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.

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Premerger Notification Office (PNO)  
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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  
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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.