



INSIDE THE
**BUREAU OF
COMPETITION**

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Dear Colleagues:

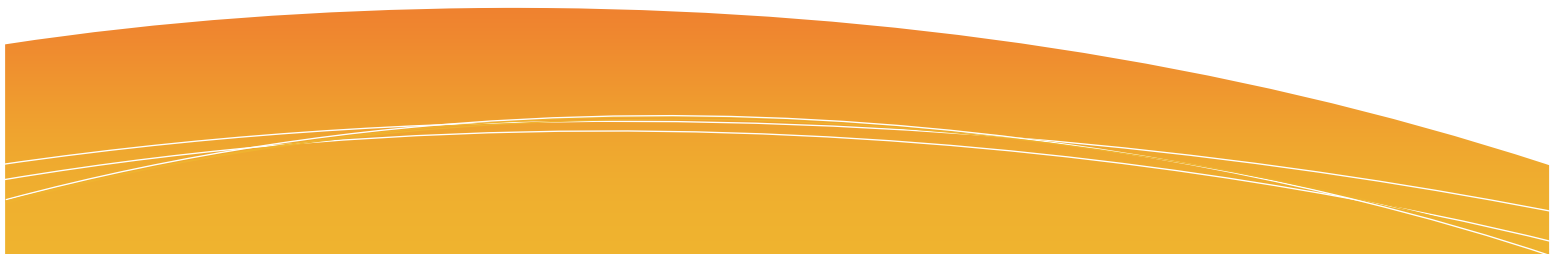
I am pleased to introduce the Bureau's Spring 2020 "Inside BC." *Inside BC* introduces our managers and staff and provides a description of the Bureau's work to improve transparency and communication. With our seven Litigation Divisions, three Regional Offices, the Premerger Notification Office, the 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. 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,

Ian R. Conner, Director



Office of the Director

Bureau Leadership



Ian Conner, Director, manages the Bureau's almost 300 employees. He was appointed Director in December 2019. Ian joined the Commission in 2017 as Deputy Director in the Bureau. Ian joined the Bureau from private practice in Washington, DC. He be-

gan his career in the Attorney General's Honors Program, serving as a trial attorney in the Transportation, Energy and Agriculture Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. He also served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia.



Daniel Francis, Deputy Director, oversees Mergers III, Mergers IV, the Anti-competitive Practices Division, and the Northwest Regional Office and Western Regional Office. Prior to this position, Daniel was the Associate Director of Digital Markets and oversaw the work

of the Technology Enforcement Division. 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 and a doctorate from NYU School of Law where his doctoral research focused on the constitutional law of interstate trade in the United States.

Office of the Director

Bureau Leadership



Tara Isa Koslov, Deputy Director overseeing 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. Tara began her career at the Bureau of Competition in 1997 as a staff attorney in the Mergers II Division. Prior to her current position, Tara served as Chief of Staff to the Chairman. Tara previously serviced as the Deputy Director, and Acting Director, for the Commission's Office of Policy Planning. She has served multiple Commissioners as an Attorney Advisor on competition matters, including Commissioners Anthony and Harbour, and then-Commissioner Ramirez. Tara has also been active in the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association, serving in multiple capacities, including as Editorial Co-Chair of the Antitrust Law Journal and on the Section Council and the Long Range Planning Committee.



Gail Levine, Deputy Director, oversees Mergers I, Mergers II, Health Care, the Technology Enforcement Division, and the Northeastern Regional Office. Gail 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 Head of U.S. Regulatory Affairs and Director of U.S. Competition Law at Uber Technologies, Inc., and previously was Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Verizon Communications Inc.

Office of the Director

Counsels to the Director



Heather Johnson, Senior Counsel to the Director, is a graduate of Emory University School of Law. She joined the FTC in 2014 after spending six years in private practice as an associate attorney, first at Crowell & Moring and then with Cleary, Gottlieb,

Steen & Hamilton LLP. Heather held a previous position as a staff attorney with Mergers I.



Emily Bowne is a Counsel to the Director of the Bureau of Competition. Emily joined the FTC in 2015 after spending five years in private practice. Prior to her current role, Emily was a staff attorney in the Mergers IV Division.

Steve Mohr is a Counsel to the Director of the Bureau of Competition. Steve joined the FTC in 2010 after spending four years in private practice. Prior to his current role, Steve was a staff attorney in the Mergers I Division.



Photo Pending

Rohan Pai is a Counsel to the Director of the Bureau of Competition. Rohan joined the FTC in 2015 from private practice in Washington DC. Prior to his current role, Rohan was a staff attorney in the Mergers IV Division.

Office of the Director

The Bureau's Litigation Group

Photo Pending

The Director's Office is also home to the Bureau's Litigation Group. **Jennifer Milici**, 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. Jennifer was named Chief Trial Counsel in August 2019, having previously served as Deputy Chief Trial Counsel (DCTC).

Photo Pending

Daniel Matheson, Deputy Chief Trial Counsel, 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. Dan joined the FTC in 2016 and was promoted to DCTC in August 2019.

The Division's Staff

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Premerger Notification Office

The Division's Leadership



Robert Jones, Assistant Director, leads the division. Bob is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and joined the Commission in 1990. He was assigned 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

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Office of Policy & Coordination

The Division's Leadership



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

Alan Friedman

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Mergers I

The Division's Leadership



Dan Zach, Acting Assistant Director, previously served as Deputy Assistant Director of the Mergers I Division from 2012 to 2020. Dan has extensive experience as a manager and lead trial attorney. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and graduated from

the University of Notre Dame with degrees in Economics and Government.

Lynda Lao, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, joined the FTC in 2008. At the FTC, she has led a variety of matters within the Mergers I Division, served as a Counsel to the Director, and served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia. Lynda earned her law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.



James Weiss, Deputy Assistant Director, joined the FTC in 2006. In his role at the FTC, he has led or supervised a variety of matters, including transactions involving branded and generic pharmaceuticals, medical devices, scientific aerospace and defense, technology markets, rental cars, and other

consumer products. James earned his law degree from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science and History from The University of North Carolina.

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).

Mergers I

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Mergers II

The Division's Leadership



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.

Peggy Bayer Femenella, Deputy Assistant Director joined the FTC in 2000 and is a graduate of the George Washington University Law School. Peggy previously worked in the Anti-competitive Practices Division and as Counsel to the Director.



James Rhilinger has been a Deputy Assistant Director in Mergers II since 2014. Previously he was an attorney in the Healthcare Division for nearly ten years, having joined the FTC in 2004, and he also practiced for several years in the antitrust groups of two major law firms. James is a graduate of Bryant College and the Catholic University School of Law.

The Division's Work

The Mergers II Division investigates deals across a range of industries, including semiconductors, chemicals, auto parts, coal mines, tobacco, and agriculture. In recent years it challenged numerous mergers in court, including Superior/Canexus (sodium chlorate), Tronox/Cristal (titanium dioxide), CDK/AutoMate (auto dealer management software), Wilhelmsen/Drew (marine water treatment), Evonik/PeroxyChem (hydrogen peroxide), Axon/VieVu (body-worn cameras and related systems), and Peabody/Arch (coal mines). While always prepared to litigate, the division also regularly negotiates substantial settlement agreements, including in Ball/Rexam (aluminum cans), Reynolds/Lorillard (tobacco), ZF/TRW (auto parts), NXP/Freescale (semiconductors), Sherwin Williams/Valspar (coatings), ChemChina/Syngenta (chemicals), Broadcom/Brocade, and Agrium/PCS (agriculture/chemicals).

Mergers II

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Mergers III

The Division's Leadership



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, Deputy Assistant Director in BC's Mergers III Division, received her J.D. from Georgetown Law and her B.A. from the University of Maryland. She started her legal career in 2009 as a staff attorney in Mergers III. Jess served as Counsel to Bureau of Competition Director Deborah Feinstein in 2016, and as an interim Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Christine S. Wilson in 2020.



Brian Telpner, Deputy Assistant Director, received his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and his BA from Duke University. After several years in private practice, Brian joined Mergers III as a staff attorney in 2004. He has served as Counsel to the Director of the Bureau of Competition and, in 2017, served on detail as a technical advisor to the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.

The Divisions 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 Leadership



Mark Seidman, Acting Assistant Director, is a graduate of The George Washington University Law School and joined the Commission in 2005. Prior to joining Mergers IV, Mark was a staff attorney in the Mergers I Division. He has also served as Counsel to the Director of the

Bureau of Competition and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia.

Emily Bowne is the Acting Deputy Assistant Director, joined the Commission in 2015 after spending five years in private practice. Prior to her current role, Emily was a staff attorney was a Counsel to the Director of the Bureau and a staff attorney for Mergers IV Division.



Melissa Hill, Deputy Assistant Director, joined the Commission in 2012 as a staff attorney in Mergers IV, and has also served as Counsel to the Director of the Bureau of Competition. Prior to joining the FTC, Melissa was an associate in the antitrust group at Ropes &

Gray LLP. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center.

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.

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Health Care

The Division's Leadership



Markus Meier, Assistant Director, is a graduate of the George Mason University School of Law and joined the FTC in 1990. Markus has held numerous positions at the FTC including staff attorney, Deputy Assistant Director, Acting Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Bureau of Competition. Before joining the

FTC, Markus was an officer in the U.S. Army and earned a master's degree in public administration.

Bradley Albert, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Duke University School of Law and joined the Commission in 1998. Brad has held a variety of positions with the FTC, including Attorney Advisory to Chairman Timothy Muris, and staff attorney in the Health Care Division. Prior to joining the FTC, Brad was an associate in the antitrust group at Crowell & Moring LLP.



Kara Monahan, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Rutgers Law School. She joined the Commission in 2012 after clerking for the Honorable Joseph E. Irenas in the District of New Jersey. Before law school, Kara lived in Japan, taught English Literature, and worked

in a special collections library.

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 Leadership



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. Geoffrey has held a variety of positions with the FTC, including Assistant to the Bureau Director, Deputy Assistant Director, and Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Owen. Prior to joining the FTC, Geoffrey was an associate in the Trade Regulation Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Patricia McDermott, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of George Washington University Law School and joined the Commission in 2014. Before becoming Deputy Assistant Director in 2020, Patty was a staff attorney in the Health Care Division, a Senior Attorney at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, and a clerk to the Honorable Cameron McGowan Currie in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.



Mark Woodward, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and joined the Commission in 2007. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Director in 2014. Before joining ACP, Mark was a staff attorney in the Health Care Division, an Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Julie Brill, and an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

The Division's Work

ACP is the center of the Bureau's enforcement efforts against anti-competitive conduct in industries other than health care and pharmaceuticals and digital platforms. ACP's work involves not only stopping illegal conduct but also shaping the law. ACP's ongoing work includes issues of exclusionary conduct, including conduct involving 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.

Anticompetitive Practices

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Technology Enforcement Division

The Division's Leadership



Patricia Galvan, Assistant Director, is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Patricia joined the Commission in 1999 and was appointed Assistant Director in 2019. She previously served as the Deputy Assistant Director for Mergers III.

Krishna Cerilli, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and joined the Commission in 2014. She previously served as an attorney in the Mergers IV Division and as Counsel to the Director.



Ryan Quillian, Deputy Assistant Director, is a graduate of University of Virginia School of Law and joined the Commission in 2014. Ryan has held a variety of positions with the FTC, including Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Noah Joshua Phillips, Acting Deputy Assistant Director of the Mergers IV Division, and staff attorney in Mergers IV. Prior to joining the FTC, Ryan was an associate in the antitrust group at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP.

The Division's Work

The primary focus of the Technology Enforcement Division (TED) is to identify and investigate anticompetitive conduct (including consummated mergers) in markets in which digital technology is an important dimension of competition, such as online platforms, digital advertising, social networking, software, operating systems, and streaming services. The TED 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.

Technology Enforcement Division

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Compliance

The Division's Leadership



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. Mari-

beth 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.

Susan Huber, Deputy Assistant Director joined the FTC in 2001. Susan is a graduate of Berkeley Law and clerked for Judge Willam Wayne Justice in the Eastern District of Texas. Prior to joining the FTC, Susan worked for Texas Rural Legal Aid and the Antitrust Section of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.



Eric Rohlick, Deputy Assistant Director 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.

Compliance

The Division's Staff

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Northwest Region - Seattle

The Division's Leadership



Charles Harwood, Regional Director, 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.

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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

Stuart Hirschfeld

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The Western Region – San Francisco

The Division's Leadership



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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The Northeast Region – New York

The Division's Leadership



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

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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 rule-makings. 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.

Other Offices at the FTC

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.

Office Locations

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

HEADQUARTERS

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CONSTITUTION CENTER

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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 Pre-merger 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	202-326-2624
Mergers I	202-326-2655
Mergers II	202-326-2071
Mergers III	202-326-3383
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Anticompetitive Practices	202-326-3496
Health Care	202-326-3384
Technology Enforcement Division	202-326-3383
Compliance	202-326-3396

Email Addresses

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

Premerger Notification Office (PNO)

For Questions Regarding the HSR Act and Rules: 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
Telephone: (202) 326-3300