SPEAKER BIOS

State and Federal Consumer Protection and Competition Issues

Welcome

Jacob Hamburger is an attorney in the Office of Policy Planning at the FTC. He previously completed a one-year fellowship at the Global Antitrust Institute and before that worked in the competition practice group of a large law firm in Brussels.

Opening Remarks

Thomas Murray is the Provost at Creighton University. Murray joined Creighton University as the Chair of the Department of Pharmacology in the School of Medicine in 2006. In addition, Murray held administrative appointments as Associate Dean for Research in the School of Medicine from 2008 to 2016, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Research from 2011 to 2013, and Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship from 2013 to 2017.

Session 1: Consumer Protection Enforcement and Policy (Panel A)

Jason Ravnsborg is the Attorney General of South Dakota. He is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves. General Ravnsborg has been deployed to Germany, Iraq, and Afghanistan in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Prior to his election, General Ravnsborg was simultaneously in private practice and a part-time Deputy States Attorney for Union County, South Dakota.

Jeff Mateer is the First Assistant Attorney General of Texas. Prior to his appointment in March 2016, he served as General Counsel of the First Liberty Institute for six years and spent nineteen years in private litigation practice.

Benjamin Wiseman is the Director of the Office of Consumer Protection at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. Before Directing the Office of Consumer Protection, Wiseman was an Assistant Attorney General in that office. Wiseman previously worked as an Associate at Covington & Burling LLP.
Kaitlin Caruso is Deputy Director of the New Jersey Attorney General’s Division of Consumer Affairs. Prior to working for the Division of Consumer Affairs, Caruso chaired the Strategic Advocacy Committee at the New York City Law Department. Caruso has also worked in the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and New York City Council.

Ed Morse is a professor of law and holds the McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Endowed Chair of Business Law at Creighton University School of Law.

Andrew Smith is Director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection. He came to the FTC from Covington & Burling LLP, where he co-chaired the financial services practice group. Earlier in his career, Smith was a staff attorney at the FTC, where he led the agency’s efforts to make several rules under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Session 2: Consumer Protection Enforcement and Policy (Panel B)

Matthew du Mee is the Unit Chief Counsel for the Consumer Litigation Unit of the Arizona Attorney General's office. He previously worked as an associate with Perkins Coie and clerked for the Arizona Supreme Court.

Crystal Utley Secoy is a Special Assistant Attorney General in the Mississippi Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division. Crystal leads and participates in civil investigations and litigation relating to privacy, antitrust, and utilities. She also assists General Hood regarding policy issues and serves as the Attorney General’s Legislative Liaison.

John Abel is a Senior Deputy Attorney General in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General’s Bureau of Consumer Protection. He has also served in that office’s Torts Litigation section in both Harrisburg and Norristown, in addition to several years in private practice.

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Session 3: Antitrust Enforcement and Policy (Panel A)

Jeff Landry is the Attorney General of Louisiana. General Landry has previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a veteran of Desert Storm and left the military with the rank of Sergeant. He received the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, a National Defense Ribbon, an Overseas Training Ribbon, and the Louisiana War Cross from his eleven years of service as a member of the Louisiana National Guard. General Landry is the current President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

Doug Peterson is the Attorney General of Nebraska. Prior to being elected Attorney General, Peterson spent 24 years in a civil litigation practice. Following law school, Peterson spent two years in North Platte, Nebraska, prosecuting both criminal and civil cases for the Lincoln County Attorney. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Assistant Attorney General to the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office. General Peterson is currently Chair of NAAG’s Midwestern Region and co-chair of NAAG’s Consumer Protection Committee.

Herbert H. Slatery III is the Attorney General of Tennessee. Prior to his appointment by the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2014, he served as Counsel to Governor Bill Haslam from 2011 to 2014. Before joining the Haslam Administration, General Slatery was in private practice in Knoxville, Tennessee. General Slatery currently serves as co-chair of NAAG’s Multistate Antitrust Task Force, Charities Committee, and Finance Committee.

Irina Fox is an Associate Professor at the Creighton University School of Law. Prior to joining the faculty at Creighton, Fox practiced at Latham & Watkins in San Francisco. Fox clerked for the Honorable Carl J. Barbier of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Sarah Mackey joined the Federal Trade Commission in 2002 and currently serves as Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Policy Planning. While at the FTC she has worked in numerous positions including Chief of Staff under Chairman William E. Kovacic, Attorney Advisor, and within the Office of General Counsel. Before joining the FTC she was an associate at Jones Day and worked as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Richard S. Arnold.

Session 4: Antitrust Enforcement and Policy (Panel B)

Max Miller is an Assistant Attorney General (Antitrust) in the Iowa Attorney General’s office. He was previously a Litigation Associate for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

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Sarah Oxenham Allen is a Senior Assistant Attorney General and Unit Manager of the Antitrust Unit in the Virginia Attorney General’s Office and Chair of NAAG’s Antitrust Multistate Task Force. Before coming to the Virginia Attorney General’s Office, Allen worked at the FTC for eight years, including the Bureau of Competition and as Attorney-Advisor to Commissioner Sheila Anthony.

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Eric Newman is Chief Litigation Counsel for the Antitrust Division of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office. Additionally, in January 2013, Newman was sworn in as a King County District Court Judge Pro Tempore. He has previously worked in private practice and has served in the Washington Air National Guard and before that the U.S. Air Force.

Diana Thomas is an Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute for Economic Inquiry at the Heider College of Business at Creighton University. Thomas currently serves as a Director on the Executive Board of the Public Choice Society. In 2017, she served as President of the Society for the Development of Austrian Economics.

Jacob Hamburger is an attorney in the Office of Policy Planning at the FTC. He previously completed a one-year fellowship at the Global Antitrust Institute and before that worked in the competition practice group of a large law firm in Brussels.

Session 5: Consumer Protection Remedies: Economics & Legal Considerations

Justin (Gus) Hurwitz is a Professor at the Nebraska College of Law, where he is the Co-Director of the Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Program, and is also the Director of Law & Economics Programs at the International Center for Law & Economics. Hurwitz previously was the inaugural Research Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Law School’s Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition (CTIC), prior to which he was a Visiting Assistant Professor at George Mason University School of Law. He has previously served as a Trial Attorney in the Antitrust Division of the DOJ.

Jonathan Klick is a Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Erasmus Chair of Empirical Legal Studies at Erasmus University Rotterdam. He previously served as an Assistant Professor of Law at Florida State University.

Murat C. Mungan is a Professor at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School. Mungan previously was the D’Alemberte Professor of Law at Florida State University. He holds editorial positions on the Supreme Court Economic Review and the International Review of Law and Economics.

James Cooper is the Deputy Director for Economic Analysis in the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the FTC and an Associate Professor of Law (on leave) at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School. He has previously served as Deputy and Acting Director of the Office of Policy Planning and as an Advisor to Federal Trade Commissioner William Kovacic.
Session 6: Revisiting “The Limits of Antitrust”

Steven J. Cernak is Of Counsel at Schiff Hardin LLP in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He spent 23 years at General Motors as an antitrust and trade regulation lawyer from 1989 to 2012, and served as lead competition law counsel for GM globally and lead counsel for GM’s service operations and parts operations in the U.S. He now counsels on similar topics for clients both inside and outside of the automotive industry.

Alan Devlin is Counsel at Latham & Watkins. He rejoined the firm in August 2017 after two years at the FTC, where he was Acting Deputy Director of the FTC’s Bureau of Competition and, previously, Attorney Advisor to Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen. He teaches competition law at Georgetown Law, and is presently working on his third book, Reforming Antitrust, which is under contract with Cambridge University Press.

John Thorne is Partner at Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in antitrust litigation. Prior to joining Kellogg Hansen, he was Verizon’s Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel in charge of competition, intellectual property, and privacy.

Thomas A. Lambert is the Wall Chair in Corporate Law and Governance and Professor of Law at the University of Missouri School of Law. Before entering academia, Lambert practiced law at Sidley Austin and was a John M. Olin Fellow at Northwestern University School of Law and the Center for the Study of American Business (now the Murray Weidenbaum Center) at Washington University. He has also clerked for the Honorable Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Robert E. Litan is a Partner at Korein Tillery, where he is a senior adviser in economic and antitrust matters, and a member of the advisory board of the American Antitrust Institute. In 1995, Litan was appointed Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget. In 1993, he was appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division of the DOJ. The views he expresses are his own.

Bilal Sayyed is the Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the FTC.

Closing Remarks

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