



SCHOOL OF LAW

Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies

Antitrust and consumer protection are influential areas of the law which seek to maintain a competitive economy for the benefit of consumers and competition. Antitrust law prohibits agreements which unreasonably injure competition, exclusionary acts of monopolization and attempted monopolization by dominant firms, and anticompetitive mergers and acquisitions. These laws are enforced through both government criminal and civil litigation, as well as private law suits for treble damages by those injured because of an antitrust violation. The government cases against Microsoft and Intel in the United States and the European Union, lengthy jail sentences and fines in the hundreds of millions in international price-fixing cases, and numerous recent multibillion dollars mergers in all sectors of the economy are all examples of the effect of this area of the law on our daily lives. The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is a non-partisan independent academic center designed to exploring the impact of consumer protection and antitrust law on the individual consumer and the public, and to shape public policy in these areas.

FACULTY

Spencer Weber Waller, Professor & Director of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies. B.A. cum laude, University of Michigan, 1979; J.D. cum laude, Northwestern University, 1982. Professor Waller served as a staff law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, first as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division and later as a special attorney in the Criminal Division. He then practiced at the Chicago firm of Freeborn & Peters. In 1990 he became a full-time faculty member at Brooklyn Law School until joining Loyola in 2000. Professor Waller teaches Antitrust Law and Competition Policy in the Global Economy among other courses at Loyola.

Lea Krivinskas Shepard, Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Shepard joined the Loyola faculty in 2008. After graduating from Harvard Law School, where she served as executive editor of the Harvard International Law Journal, she worked as an associate at Jones Day in Cleveland, Ohio. Professor Shepard later clerked for Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the Honorable Terence T. Evans of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Professor Shepard's research and teaching interests include bankruptcy, consumer law, and credit.

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Ted Banks. Mr. Banks is one of the country's leading experts on corporate compliance and the antitrust risks of product distribution. He is the former Chief Counsel - Global Compliance and Associate General Counsel at Kraft Foods. He is currently of counsel to the firm of Schoeman Updike & Kaufman and teaches a seminar on Corporate Compliance.

JoAnne Bloom. Ms. Bloom is the former regulatory counsel for both SBC and Commonwealth Edison. Ms. Bloom teaches Economic Regulation.

James Langenfeld. Dr. Langenfeld is a partner in the LECG Consulting firm and the former head economist for the Federal Trade Commission. Dr. Langenfeld teaches Law & Economics.

David Marx, Jr. Mr. Marx heads the Chicago antitrust practice at the firm of McDermott, Will & Emery. He teaches Antitrust in Health Care.

David OToole. Mr. O'Toole is a senior attorney with the Chicago Office of the Federal Trade Commission and teaches Consumer Law.

Michael Sennett. Mr. Sennett is a partner at the firm of Jones Day and teaches Antitrust Law.

Loyola Consumer Law Review

The Institute works closely with the Consumer Law Review. This student run publication, the only one of its kind in the nation, focuses on current developments in consumer law. The Review covers such issues as advertising, competition law, financing, debt collection, product safety, professional services, insurance, and consumer credit. Membership is open to all students via a write-on competition. More information about the Consumer Law Review is available at

<http://www.luc.edu/law/activities/publications/consumer.shtml>.

Related Courses

Antitrust Law
Antitrust and Intellectual Property
Antitrust in Health Care
Competition Law in a Global Economy
Complex Litigation
Corporate Compliance Seminar
Mergers and Acquisitions

Preparation and Trial of an Antitrust Case
Economic Regulation
European Union Law
Intellectual Property International Business
Transactions Law and Economics
Consumer Law
Cyber Law

Student Fellowship

The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies offers a unique student fellowship program. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a group of students (and faculty) with an interest in these fields. Outstanding incoming first year student fellows will be selected as well as students in the top third of the class after their first year. Applications from other JD, LLM, and MJ candidates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. More information on the fellowship can be found at: <http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/speciaVcenter/antitrust/fellowship.shtml>.

Fellows will receive an annual stipend in addition to any financial aid. The law firm of Freeborn & Peters generously supports a Student Fellowship named for the firm. Donors also have established a Judge Hubert Will Antitrust Fellowship in memory of the judge who directed the initial distribution of funds that created the Institute. Named Fellowships are awarded in the fall to those students already admitted to the Fellowship program and may carry an additional financial stipend.

All Loyola law students are eligible to apply for Summer Grants underwritten by the Institute to promote public interest/public sector work in antitrust and consumer protection. The Institute will provide as much assistance as possible (but not a guarantee) for summer and permanent jobs in the competition and consumer law fields through contacts at law firms, government agencies, public interest organizations, and think tanks.

Institute Events and Publications .

Throughout the year a number of symposia, lectures, and brown bag discussions are held on selected topics related to Antitrust and Consumer Law. Programs in conjunction with the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association are available free of charge to students and faculty. All Institute events are available without charge to members of the Loyola University Chicago community.

The annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium is held each April where professors, judges, enforcement officials, and practitioners gather for a day of discussion of cutting edge research in the antitrust field. The Institute also sponsored symposia and round table discussions on a regular basis for the general legal and business community. Recent symposia have included the Future of Private Rights of Action in Antitrust (2004), Proof of Conspiracy in Antitrust Cases (2006) and Designing Better Institutions to Enforce Competition Law (2009). The papers for all symposia are published in either the Law Journal or the Consumer Law Review. The Institute also sponsors the Antitrust Marathon, a global roundtable discussion of comparative competition law issues. Antitrust Marathons have been held in Chicago, London, Boston, and Dublin and the papers and transcripts of the discussion have been published in the Loyola Consumer Law Review and the European Competition Journal.

Externships

Externships focusing on both antitrust and consumer protection issues are available with the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, regulatory agencies, and a wide variety of public interest organizations.

Research and Publications

The Institute sponsors research by both faculty and students on topics relating to antitrust and consumer protection. The Institute web site contains an on-line casebook, a plain English guide to antitrust laws, the papers from all Institute symposia, Working Papers on cutting edge topics in competition and consumer law, and the News and Views section that contain updates on important developments in the field, shorter commentary on those developments, and reviews of new work in the field. Copies of the Institute Fact Sheets for antitrust and consumer law, current issues of the Institute newsletter, and other publications of the Institute are posted and updated regularly on the Institute web site. All are available on the Institute website, <http://www.luc.edu/antitrust>.

The Institute also hosts prominent scholars who teach and research at Loyola. Past visiting scholars have included experts from Israel, Italy, Pakistan, Poland, Switzerland, India, and England.

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