

ABA Section of Antitrust Law, *Issues in Competition Law and Policy* (2008)

Most of the books published by the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association are compact analyzes of discrete topics in antitrust law and enforcement aimed at an audience of busy practitioners. *Issues in Competition Law and Policy* is very different in both scope and aim. This is a sprawling work of ninety seven essays filling three volumes and totaling over 2400 pages. Edited by Wayne Dale Collins and a large team of volunteers, this collection is a treasure trove of wonderful chapters on almost any topic in antitrust law and economics that one can imagine.¹

The collection is divided into sections on jurisprudence, economic foundations, single firm conduct, cooperation among competitors, mergers and acquisitions, distribution, the intellectual property-antitrust interface, and enforcement. Most of the chapters are relatively short and the author's list reads like a who's who of the U.S. antitrust world. There are a handful of chapters with an international or EU focus, but the emphasis is on the cutting edge issues in U.S. antitrust law and economics. The economics chapters are a mixture of non-technical literature reviews and more mathematical explanations and models.

Like Proust's *In Search of Lost Time* and other lengthy masterpieces, one probably cannot sit down and read this collection in one sitting. But dipping into selected chapters, pausing, and returning to different parts of the collection is to be savored, both as an intellectual delight and a starting point for research into many of the leading antitrust issues of the day. The Antitrust Section is to be commended for initiating and completing such an exceptional endeavor.

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¹ I served as an editor of several of the chapters, but did not author any of the chapters in the collection. In preparing this review, I read a sample of the chapters in each volume, but have not yet completed all ninety seven entries which I look forward to doing so over the weeks to come.