



SCHOOL OF LAW

Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies

Antitrust and consumer protection are influential areas of the law that seek to maintain a competitive economy for the benefit of consumers. 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 lawsuits for treble damages by those injured because of an antitrust violation. The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is a non-partisan independent academic center with the mission of promoting a more competitive and consumer-friendly economy. The Institute fulfills its mission through teaching, research, publication, and advocacy, on campus, nationwide and internationally.

Faculty

Spencer Weber Waller, John Paul Stevens Chair in Competition Law & Director, Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies. Professor Waller teaches Antitrust Law, Civil Procedure, and Competition Policy in the Global Economy among other courses at Loyola. He specializes in antitrust and litigation issues. In 2022, Professor Waller served as a Special Adviser to Lina Khan, Chair of the Federal Trade Commission.

Jordan Paradise, Georgia Reithal Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Beazley Institute for Health Law & Policy. Jordan Paradise researches and publishes on the intersection of law, science, and technology. Her primary focus is in the life science realm, examining legal and policy issues in the development and regulation of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and innovations in medicine.

Lea Krivinskas Shepard, Associate Professor of Law. Professor Shepard's research and teaching interests include bankruptcy, consumer law, and credit.

Charlotte Tschider, Associate Professor of Law. Professor Tschider's teaching and scholarship examines legal issues in artificial intelligence, international data protection, information privacy, cybersecurity law, and healthcare medical device technology.

Representative 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 a partner at the firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC and teaches Corporate Compliance.

Jennifer Dixon. Ms. Dixon is Assistant Chief of the Competition Policy & Advocacy Section and Special Counsel for Policy & Intellectual Property, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice. She teaches Antitrust & Intellectual Property.

Alan Frankel. Dr. Frankel is an experienced economic consultant and expert witness as well as the President of Coherent Economics. He teaches Law & Economics.

James Morsch. Mr. Morsch is a partner at the firm of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. He teaches Complex Litigation.

Loyola Consumer Law Review

The Institute works closely with the Consumer Law Review. This independent 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, privacy, 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 <https://www.luc.edu/law/academics/journals-publications/loyolaconsumerlawreview/index.cfm>.

On Campus Courses

Antitrust Law
Antitrust and Intellectual Property
Antitrust in Health Care
Class Action Litigation
Competition Law in a Global Economy
Consumer Law
Corporate Compliance

Mergers and Acquisitions
European Union Law
Intellectual Property Law
International Business Transactions
International Trade Law
Law and Economics

Student Fellowship and Grants

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 the antitrust and consumer law 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/special/center/antitrust/fellowship.shtml>. Fellows maintaining standing in the top 1/3 of the class receive an annual stipend. All Loyola law students are also eligible to apply for Summer Grants underwritten by the Institute to promote public interest/public sector work in antitrust and consumer protection.

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. All Institute events, including programs in conjunction with the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, are available free of charge for members of the Loyola University Chicago community.

The annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium is held each April where professors, judges, enforcement officials, and practitioners from around the world gather for a day of discussion of cutting edge research in the antitrust field. The Institute also sponsored symposia and roundtable discussions on a regular basis for the general legal and business community. Recent symposia have included Competition and Consumer Protection in Health Care and Financial Services; The National Mortgage Settlement Agreement; and Designing Better Institutions to Enforce Competition Law. The papers for all symposia are published in either the LUC Law Journal or the Consumer Law Review. The Institute also sponsors the Antitrust Marathon, a global roundtable discussion of comparative competition law issues.

Externships

Externships focusing on both antitrust and consumer protection issues are available with the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department, Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Illinois Attorney General's Office, federal and state regulatory agencies, as well as 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 commissioned study of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, a plain English guide to the antitrust laws, 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 these fields. These and many other Institute publications are updated regularly on the Institute web site and available at www.luc.edu/antitrust.

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

For more information, please contact: Professor Spencer Weber Waller, Director, Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies at swalle1@luc.edu or visit the Institute web site at www.luc.edu/antitrust.