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Chris Yook represents clients in actions pursued by antitrust enforcement agencies and in complex litigation, including some of the largest class actions. His recent matters include obtaining one of the first dismissals of a corporate defendant in the *In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation*. He also regularly advises public and private companies on the antitrust implications of strategic business decisions.

Chris is recommended in the *Legal 500 US* guide and he has been named a “Rising Star” for antitrust litigation in *Washington SuperLawyers* from 2016 through 2021. He currently serves in a leadership position in the ABA Section of Antitrust Law as Vice-Chair of the Content Committee. Chris also sits on the executive board of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Maryland and is an American Bar Foundation Fellow.

Publications

- Contributor, *Antitrust Law Developments* (8th ed.)
- Contributor, *2018 Annual Review of Antitrust Law Developments*
- Contributor, *2017 Annual Review of Antitrust Law Developments*
- *Perils of the Perilous-Leading Theory and Output Decisions*, *Antitrust Magazine*, Vol. 33 No. 3 (2019)
- *A Call for Greater Consistency in the Failing Firm Defense*, 17-3 *ABA Antitrust Source* 3 (2017)
- *Antitrust Post-Mortem of the Health Insurance Merger Decisions*, *American Health Lawyers Association*
- *Avoiding Failure: Applying Decision Theory to the Eminent Domain Jurisprudence*, 20 *Fed. Cir. B.J.* 443 (2011)

Matters

Obtained dismissal **Porsche Cars North America, Inc.** and **Dr. Ing. H.C. F. Porsche AG** from multidistrict litigation alleging antitrust conspiracy over technological advancements, features, and costs (*In re German Automotive Manufacturers Antitrust Litigation*).

Represented **Peloton Interactive, Inc.** in antitrust countersuit against music publishers and in

defending against copyright infringement claims.

Successfully represented **WestRock Company** in its \$4.9 billion acquisition of KapStone Paper & Packaging as part of investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. The transaction was cleared without an enforcement action.

Counseled **Oschner Health System** in a U.S. Department of Justice investigation of a joint operating agreement with Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Secured dismissal of generic pharmaceuticals manufacturer from price-fixing cartel multidistrict litigation (*In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation*).

Represented two Japanese automobile parts manufacturers in price-fixing cartel actions and government investigations spanning multiple jurisdictions (*In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*).

Successfully counseled manufacturing company in responding to anticompetitive conduct by a trade association.

Advised pharmaceutical company on antitrust implications of pricing policy.

Counseled medical device manufacturer on antitrust issues related to development of product distribution policy.

Second-chaired jury trial, obtaining defense verdict for corporation in civil action involving fraud and misrepresentation claims.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., George Washington University, with honors
B.A., Johns Hopkins University

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of International Trade
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
District of Columbia
Maryland

Recognition

Recommended in Legal 500

LEGAL 500 US ANTITRUST

Rising Star

SUPER LAWYERS, 2016-2021

Ones to Watch, Antitrust Law

BEST LAWYERS, 2021-2022

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

May 4, 2020

Florida Oncology Provider to Pay \$100 Million Fine in DOJ Criminal Antitrust Investigation

January 6, 2020

DOJ and Commerce Department Issue Antitrust Guidance on SEPs

October 25, 2019

Senators Urge DOJ to Develop Antitrust Guidance for Licensing of Standard Essential Patents

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 12, 2018

Chris Yook to Speak at the American Health Lawyers Association's Fundamentals of Health Law Conference

News

CASES & DEALS

King & Spalding Trial Team Earns \$84.9M Jury Verdict on Behalf of BASF

IN THE NEWS

September 15, 2021 • Source: Law360, Reuters, The AmLaw Litigation Daily, Global Legal Chronicle and Global Competition Review

Tom Friel, Jim Brogan, Brian Eutermoser, Angela Tarasi, Mikaela Stone, Norm Armstrong, Paul Mezzina, Chris Yook, Joseph Eng and Emily Chen counsel BASF before a Delaware federal court, which awarded the company \$28.2M in damages

RECOGNITION

June 10, 2021

Legal 500 United States 2021 Ranks King & Spalding Practices Among the Top in the Nation

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