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FOCUS AREAS

Antitrust Civil Enforcement
Antitrust Compliance and
Business Strategy
Antitrust Litigation
Antitrust Merger Clearance
Antitrust and Competition
Antitrust and Intellectual
Property
Third-Party Merger and
Non-Merger Antitrust
Representation

EXPERIENCE

Matt McDonald is an antitrust partner in Wilson Sonsini's Washington, D.C., office. His practice focuses on representing companies in government antitrust investigations, including mergers and acquisitions and other civil antitrust investigations. He regularly appears before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the U.S. Department of Justice, representing companies across a range of industries. He has also managed transactions through regulatory agencies around the world, such as China's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR). Matt provides antitrust counseling on a wide variety of issues, including joint ventures, collaborations, and pricing and distribution. He has significant experience in a variety of industries with a particular emphasis on technology, aerospace and defense, telecommunications, retail and consumer goods, and distribution.

Prior to joining Wilson Sonsini, Matt served as a staff attorney at the FTC in the Mergers IV division. While at the FTC, he worked on matters relating to the hospital, retail, supermarket, consumer products, and distribution industries. Among other assignments, Matt played an integral role on the trial team in the FTC's successful challenge to the merger of Sysco and US Foods. Before attending law school, Matt was an analyst with Cornerstone Research, an economic consulting firm.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 2013
Recipient, Hamilton Fellowship; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; James Kent Scholar; Senior Editor, Columbia Law Review
- B.A., Economics, University of Virginia, 2007
With Highest Honors; Recipient, Phi Beta Kappa; Recipient, Duncan Clarke Hyde Award for academic achievement in economics

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia

MATTERS

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Matthew has provided antitrust counsel to clients with respect to the following matters:

- KnowBe4, in its \$4.6 billion acquisition by Vista Equity Partners
- Misfits Market, in its planned acquisition of Imperfect Foods
- MaxLinear, in its \$3.8 billion acquisition of Silicon Motion
- GoFundMe, in its acquisition of Classy
- Lumentum, in its \$5.7 billion acquisition of Coherent, and its \$918 million acquisition of NeoPhotonics

- Ondot, in their acquisition by Fiserv
- Bungie, in its acquisition by Sony Interactive Entertainment
- DeepMap, in its acquisition by Nvidia
- Credit Karma, in its acquisition by Intuit

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, “Antitrust and Sustainability: Potential Paths Forward for U.S. Companies,” *The Antitrust Source*, August 30, 2023
- Co-author, “Home Court Disadvantage: In Illumina/Grail, FTC Loses Another Case Before Its Own Court,” Wilson Sonsini Alert, October 3, 2022
- Co-author, “Antitrust Hits the Metaverse: FTC Sues to Block Meta Platforms, Inc. from Acquiring a VR Fitness App,” Wilson Sonsini Alert, August 1, 2022
- Co-author, “FTC and NLRB Join Forces to Enforce Antitrust Laws in U.S. Labor Markets,” Wilson Sonsini Alert, July 21, 2022
- Co-author, “DOJ Files Emergency Preliminary Injunction Motion Against Booz Allen and EverWatch Merger,” Wilson Sonsini Alert, July 19, 2022
- Co-author, “DOJ Files Lawsuit to Block National Security Support Services Merger,” Wilson Sonsini Alert, July 5, 2022
- Co-author, “New York State Legislature Considers Far-Reaching Antitrust Reforms with ‘21st Century Antitrust Act,’” Wilson Sonsini Alert, June 16, 2021
- Co-author, “Implications of the Draft Vertical Merger Guidelines for Vertical Mergers Involving Technology Start-Ups,” *Truth on the Market*, February 7, 2020