

# As Antitrust Practices Experience 'Renaissance' in Demand, Jenner Builds Bench

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**A** partner who helped open Fish & Richardson's office in Chicago has gone back to Jenner & Block, as Jenner seeks to continue building its antitrust bench.

Shaun Van Horn, an antitrust and IP partner who was among four lawyers who helped launch Fish's Windy City office earlier this year, has returned to Jenner, the firm announced Thursday.

Van Horn spent more than 15 years at the Chicago-founded Jenner, both as an associate and a partner, before moving to Fish in February 2024. He said in an interview this week that, as antitrust experiences a "renaissance," with stepped-up government enforcement and an increasingly active plaintiffs' bar, coming back to a broader platform made sense for his practice, which incorporates both antitrust and intellectual property components.

"It's something of a renaissance in antitrust law in the country, and Jenner is riding that wave of antitrust matters. I was impressed with the growth, both in the short-term and the long-term,



Courtesy photos

**Doug Litvack (left) and Shaun M. Van Horn (right) of Jenner & Block.**

and the strategic vision that Jenner & Block has," said Van Horn, whose practice involves representing original equipment manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies, usually in IP or antitrust matters, but sometimes in commercial litigation as well.

Doug Litvack, co-chair of Jenner's antitrust and competition law practice, said the government "has been hyper-aggressive in terms of pushing the envelope of antitrust law to protect consumers' interests," and that the private plaintiffs' bar is

“following the government’s lead” by bringing more complex and novel challenges, even ones that require substantial discovery.

He added that another component of the antitrust wave is, of course, the rise of artificial intelligence. “Antitrust has become a vehicle to deal with changing features of the modern economy, particularly with respect to AI,” Litvack said in an interview, and people and companies are bringing challenges to protect their interests because there are “clearly going to be winners and losers in that context.”

Litvack said with the addition of Van Horn, the firm has more than 30 partners handling antitrust matters and more than 100 lawyers overall touching the practice.

While he’s not looking to add any more specific skillsets, the firm is still looking to add more practitioners. Doing so while the firm is “busting at the seams” with demand is the best way to integrate new partners, he said. “We have kind of all the pieces we need to operate in

every component of the antitrust market,” Litvack added. “Now it’s just to build out the team a little bit more.”

For his part, Van Horn said the kinds of issues that come up in his practice are ones that affect all types of publicly traded, international companies. Van Horn has technical expertise in molecular biology and biochemistry and said his practice and his clients would also benefit from Jenner’s general practice platform, especially at a time when litigation is busy and could yield spillover into antitrust and IP issues.

“Fish is a very good, leading, intellectual property law shop, but is much narrower in its focus than Jenner is,” Van Horn said. “And my practice is one that historically leverages an interdisciplinary skillset.”

Fish & Richardson president and CEO John Adkisson said in a statement that they “thank Shaun for his contributions during his time at Fish and wish him continued success in his next chapter.”