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Areas of Focus

Antitrust and Competition
Law

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and Defense

Mergers and Acquisitions

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Overview

Sarah Licht is a Special Counsel in the firm’s Antitrust and Competition Law Practice where she advises clients on complex civil and criminal antitrust matters, government merger investigations, and antitrust litigation. She brings a rigorous, trial-tested perspective to her work, informed by more than a decade of antitrust experience in and out of government. Sarah spent almost seven years as a trial attorney at the US Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division, including three years as assistant section chief in the Financial Services, Fintech, and Banking Section (FFB).

As assistant section chief of the FFB section, Sarah guided the litigation strategy from pre-complaint investigation through trial for some of the Division’s most consequential matters, including *United States et al v. Live Nation*. During the *United States v. Bertelsmann et al* litigation—the government’s successful challenge to the proposed acquisition of Simon & Schuster by Penguin Random House—Sarah led the pre-complaint merger investigation and served as Chief of Staff throughout the litigation.

Sarah has considerable experience managing large teams, coordinating discovery across large groups, coordinating with state attorneys general, and working closely with economists. She was twice awarded the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service, as well as the Attorney General’s John Marshall Award, for her work pursuing Antitrust Division matters.

Clients rely on Sarah for strategic, actionable advice at every stage of antitrust risk, drawing on her experience both building and defending against government enforcement actions. Sarah has experience across a wide variety of industries and offers practical counsel that balances antitrust risk and business objectives.

Before joining DOJ, Sarah practiced in the antitrust and competition groups at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr and Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, where she advised clients on a range of civil and criminal antitrust and competition matters.

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Representative Matters

- Supervised DOJ litigation team in *United States et al v. Live Nation*, implementing strategy from pre-complaint investigation through trial and coordinating with 40 co-plaintiff states.*
- Served as Chief of Staff during the successful litigation of *US v. Bertelsmann et al* (proposed acquisition of Simon & Schuster by Penguin Random House); led pre-complaint merger investigation, negotiated party discovery and dozens of subpoenas, and took numerous depositions.*
- Supervised *United States v. Visa* and other significant matters, managing large teams of attorneys and paralegals.*
- Developed cases and recommended them to Antitrust Division leadership.*
- Led numerous non-public merger investigations.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Jenner & Block LLP

Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, JD, *magna cum laude*
- Tufts University, BA, *summa cum laude*

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, 2021, 2023
- Attorney General's John Marshall Award for Participation in Litigation, 2020

- Antitrust Division Assistant Attorney General Award of Distinction, 2021, 2023