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Jeremy Rist has more than 20 years of experience practicing antitrust law, including representing clients before the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), state regulators and attorneys general, and in courtrooms across the country. His practice includes:

- Defending mergers and acquisitions before the FTC and DOJ
- Representing clients in FTC and DOJ investigations regarding trade practices and other commercial activities
- Representing clients in civil antitrust litigation, both as plaintiffs and as defendants

Jeremy also routinely counsels clients in the antitrust aspects of ordinary course commercial activity, including contemplated mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, resale pricing and “minimum advertised price” policies, joint development agreements, distribution agreements, licensing arrangements, settlements, and the exchange of information among competitors and within trade associations.

Outside the antitrust field, Jeremy also represents clients in complex civil litigation, principally in disputes related to mergers & acquisitions, and commercial disputes implicating constitutional issues.

Additionally, Jeremy serves as Deputy General Counsel of Blank Rome LLP, in which he advises the firm’s management and more than 600 lawyers on issues related to professional responsibility, risk management, regulatory compliance, and legal issues involving the Firm.

Following graduation from law school, Jeremy served as a law clerk for the

Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, then Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Jeremy serves on the board of directors of the Wolf Performing Arts Center, a 501(c)(3) organization in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, that provides more than 1200 children a year with performance opportunities in musical theater.

## Select Engagements

- Lead counsel for a generic pharmaceuticals company defendant in federal multidistrict antitrust litigation that involves putative direct and indirect purchaser class actions and multiple opt-out plaintiff lawsuits, *In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Antitrust Litig.*, in which the plaintiffs allege price-fixing and market allocation in numerous product markets.
- Lead counsel for a Canadian radiopharmaceuticals company defendant in a putative federal class action that alleges monopolization and attempted monopolization of five radiopharmaceutical product markets.
- Lead antitrust counsel for a national distributor of alcoholic beverages in connection with multiple transactions, including in an FTC investigation of a proposed \$12 billion joint venture with a competitor.
- Lead counsel for an international sensor manufacturer in post-closing DOJ merger investigation; negotiated limited divestiture remedy and consent decree.
- Lead counsel for pharmaceutical companies in various investigations by the FTC into acquisitions and commercial trade practices.
- Lead counsel for food products, consumer products, and media companies, among others, in obtaining clearance from the FTC and DOJ for various transactions.
- Lead counsel for cemetery operator, television broadcasting company, defense contractor, and others as buyers in FTC and DOJ divestiture proceedings.
- Counsel for French energy company in federal antitrust class action litigation that alleged monopolization and attempted monopolization of the propane market.
- Counsel for French airline in federal antitrust class action litigation that alleged price-fixing in the market for passenger air transportation to Japan.
- Regular transactional antitrust advice to clients in the consumer products, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, transportation, banking, healthcare, medical products, marine transport, electrical cable, steelmaking, and publishing industries.
- Counsel to chemicals company defendant in \$400 million breach of contract and tort action related to a joint venture in the phosphorus industry.
- Counsel to a consortium of builders in a federal due process challenge to city licensing and inspection practices; settlement included termination of entire licensing and inspection staff and adoption of new building code.
- Counsel to a national court reporting agency in federal court action challenging the constitutionality of Arizona regulations governing court reporters; Supreme Court of Arizona abandoned regulations following suit.

- Counsel to the economic development board of a major American city against an action by city council challenging award of busing contract on state constitution separation of powers grounds.
- Counsel to senior living center operator and used automobile lot operator against multimillion dollar claims by the Estate in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy.

## **Admissions**

- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States

## **Memberships**

- American Economics Association
- American Law and Economics Association

## **Education**

- College of William & Mary, BA, summa cum laude
- Harvard Law School, JD, cum laude

## **Professional Activities**

- American Bar Association (Antitrust Section)
- American Economics Association
- American Law & Economics Association
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association