Michael Best Adds Amanda Wait as Antitrust Practice Leader

National AmLaw 200 firm Michael Best is pleased to announce the addition of Amanda Wait as Partner in the firm’s Antitrust & Competition practice, based in the Washington, D.C. office.

Foley & Lardner Adds Jason and Teresa as Partners in Washington, D.C.

New Partners Strengthen the Firm’s Antitrust and Government Enforcement Bench and Advance Strategic Growth on the East Coast

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Trio of Big Law Firms Hire Antitrust Partners as Demand Grows

NewsThree top U.S. law firms, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and Latham & Watkins, announced Monday they hired antitrust partners, signaling growing demand as regulators more closely scrutinize potential anticompetitive behavior.

Anthem Agrees to Pay $594M to Settle Antitrust Litigation

NewsThe settlement, struck last fall and awaiting final approval in an Alabama federal court, resolves lawsuits filed in 2012 by insurance customers alleging the Chicago-based Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the nation’s 36 Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurers violated antitrust laws through practices that limited competition and caused higher prices.

‘Gorilla’ Google Hit with Third Lawsuit as U.S. States Sue Over Search Dominance

NewsGoogle faced its third major lawsuit in two months on Thursday as 38 U.S. states and territories accused the $1 trillion company of abusing its market power to try to make its search engine as dominant inside cars, TVs and speakers as it is in phones.

Texas Hiring Two Law Firms for Google Probe Team

NewsThe Texas attorney general’s office has named The Lanier Law Firm and the law firm Keller Lenkner to the litigation team that would face off against Alphabet’s Google in an expected antitrust lawsuit.

DOJ Sues to Block Visa Acquisition of Fintech Startup Plaid

NewsThe federal government is suing to block Visa’s $5.3 billion acquisition of fintech startup Plaid, alleging the merger violates antitrust laws.

U.S. Says Google Breakup May be Needed to End Violations of Antitrust Law

NewsThe U.S. sued Google on Tuesday, accusing the $1 trillion company of illegally using its market muscle to hobble rivals in the biggest challenge to the power and influence of Big Tech in decades.

Pilgrim’s Announces Agreement with DOJ Antitrust Division

NewsPilgrim’s Pride Corporation has entered into a plea agreement with the US Department of Justice Antitrust Division in respect to its investigation into the sales of broiler chicken products in the US.

HP Wins $439 Million As Judge Triples Jury Price-Fix Award

News

Sony, Panasonic and some other disk-drive makers settled with HP over the past decade. Only Taiwan-based Quanta chose to go to trial.

Former Bumble Bee Tuna CEO Found Guilty of Price Fixing

News

Prosecutors alleged that he conspired with colleagues and executives at rival companies on a “peace proposal” in order to boost prices.

About 40 State Attorneys General Plan to Take Part in Facebook Antitrust Probe

News

The effort reflects a broadening belief among the country's top Democrats and Republicans that the tech giant may be undermining its social-networking rivals.

Merger Non-Compete Clauses – Be Lawful or Be Gone

Insight

A recent FTC enforcement action clarifies the requirements for non-compete clauses in M&A agreements.

U.S. State AGs Looking into Expedia Group, Hotel

Practices in Antitrust Probe

News

Court documents name the hotel chains Hyatt, Marriott, Caesars Entertainment Corp and Choice Hotels International Inc.

Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson Adds Jim Loveless in Fort Worth

News

Jim Loveless has joined Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, opening the firm’s Fort Worth office.

Hogan Lovells Adds David Walsh to Antitrust and M&A Practice in Boston

News

Former IBM Vice President and Assistant General Counsel David Walsh has joined Hogan Lovells’ Boston office as senior counsel.

Facebook Has Poached the DoJ’s Silicon Valley Antitrust Chief

News

TechCrunch reports that Facebook has recruited Kate Patchen, a veteran of the U.S. Department of Justice who led its antitrust office in Silicon Valley, to be a director and associate general counsel of litigation.

Gauri Prakash-Canjels, Ph.D. Has Joined Litigation Economics

News

Gauri Prakash-Canjels, Ph.D. has joined Litigation Economics, LLC as a principal in its Washington, DC office.

No-Poach, No-Solicit

Provisions of Corporate Agreements Now Face Criminal Prosecution

News

A nearly ubiquitous element of corporate conduct, thought to be legal and competitively harmless, now faces the prospect of criminal prosecution by the U.S. Department. of Justice, according to Locke Lord.

No-Poach Agreements Targeted by Plaintiffs, Enforcement Agencies and Senators

Insight

Agreements among companies to not hire each other’s workers are more risky than ever, warns Pepper Hamilton LLP in a post on its website.