

# Former FTC Chairman Timothy J. Muris Joins Sidley in Washington, D.C.

Timothy J. Muris has joined **Sidley Austin LLP** as senior counsel in the firm's Antitrust/Competition practice.

Muris, a former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), has experience in antitrust enforcement as well as in key consumer protection issues, including advertising, consumer finance and privacy regulation, the firm said in a release.

The release continues:

During his lengthy tenure with the FTC, Muris held multiple high-level posts and was the only person ever to direct both of the FTC's enforcement bureaus. It was under his leadership that the FTC established the National Do Not Call Registry and brought numerous high-profile cases against firms for misusing government practices to raise prices. He also led the agency's efforts to bring lawsuits against physicians for price-fixing and in challenging fraudulent and deceptive advertising and health claims to protect consumers. In addition, Muris is responsible for spearheading the FTC's efforts to implement increased antitrust scrutiny of intellectual property issues and hospital mergers.

Muris has also spent a significant amount of time in private practice representing clients before the FTC, the U.S. Department of Justice and the European Commission as well as other domestic and international agencies. He regularly advises clients on antitrust issues in high-stakes mergers and acquisitions, as well as on important consumer protection issues pertaining to advertising, consumer

finance and privacy. He serves as a George Mason University foundation professor at the Antonin Scalia Law School, a post he's held since 1988.

"Tim is recognized as being among the best antitrust lawyers in the U.S. and we are delighted he chose to join Sidley," said Mark Hopson, managing partner of Sidley's Washington, D.C. office. "He's earned the respect of both the business and government communities for his vast knowledge of antitrust and consumer protection practices. Having Tim on our team puts us in an enviable position and adds to our already considerable capabilities in helping clients navigate these challenging issues."

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