



## Meghan Rissmiller

Partner

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### Biography

Meghan (Edwards-Ford) Rissmiller guides companies through the thicket of U.S. merger clearance. Whether before the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Antitrust Division or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Meghan has the experience and know-how to help companies develop effective clearance strategies, particularly when the transaction is complex and the antitrust issues are challenging.

She counsels clients on a range of non-merger antitrust and consumer protection issues and has litigated antitrust cases in federal court and administrative actions. Meghan is experienced in the technology, media, and telecommunications; aerospace, defense, and government services; and consumer and retail goods industries. Her deep understanding of her clients' business needs and challenges has made her a trusted advisor to many global companies.

Meghan joined Hogan Lovells after clerking for the Honorable Jane R. Roth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, giving her valuable insight into judicial thinking and how to successfully advocate for her clients. Prior to attending law school, Meghan spent two years as a national security analyst for a major U.S. defense contractor based in Virginia.

In addition to maintaining a rigorous legal practice,



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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

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### Industries

TMT

Consumer

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

Diversified Industrials

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### Areas of focus

Merger Control

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Meghan is active in the American Bar Association's section of antitrust law. She's a Vice Chair of the Pricing Committee and a former member of the editorial board of the *Antitrust Source*. She's a longstanding member of the law school and judicial clerk recruitment committee at Hogan Lovells and supports many of the firm's diversity and inclusion initiatives.

## Representative experience

Represented Change Healthcare in obtaining unconditional antitrust clearance from the U.S. DOJ for its US\$3.4bn JV with McKesson Technology Solutions.

Served as antitrust counsel to ARRIS in its US\$2.1bn acquisition of Pace plc, obtaining unconditional antitrust clearance from the U.S. DOJ and in its US\$2.35bn acquisition of Google Inc.'s Motorola Home business.

Provided antitrust counsel to Dell in the US\$3bn divestiture of its global information technology services division (Dell Services) to NTT Data.

Advised IBM in the divestiture of its semiconductor business to GlobalFoundries.

Antitrust counsel to PPG Industries, Inc. in its US\$1.05bn acquisition of the North American architectural coatings business of Akzo-Nobel S.A.

Counseling clients in multiple industries on various antitrust issues, including issues related to pricing, vertical agreements, joint ventures, information sharing, and consumer protection.

Antitrust counsel to Orbital Sciences Corporation in its US\$5bn merger of equals with Alliant Techsystems (ATK).

Antitrust counsel to GenCorp Inc. in its US\$550m acquisition of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne.

Antitrust counsel to Illinois Tools Works Inc. in the

Retail and Consumer Goods

Consumer Protection and Privacy

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2008

B.A., The College of William & Mary, magna cum laude, 2003

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## Memberships

Vice Chair, Antitrust Section Pricing Committee, American Bar Association

Former Member, Editorial Board, *Antitrust Source*

Member, Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association

Member, Young Lawyers Division, American Bar Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

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## Court admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Maryland Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

US\$650m divestiture of its industrial finishing businesses.

Counsel to LabCorp in the defense of its challenged merger with Westcliff Medical Laboratories. Named "Litigation of the Year" at the 2012 GCR Awards.

Represented Daimler Trucks North America in antitrust class actions alleging conspiracy by U.S. truck manufacturers and transmission supplier.

Provide counseling to an automotive OEM on all aspects of U.S. antitrust law.

Represented Choice Hotels in antitrust class action alleging conspiracy between hotels and online travel agencies; successfully obtained dismissal.

Represented Ford Motor Company in antitrust litigation pursuing claims against polyurethane foam manufacturer alleged to have conspired to raise price.

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

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## Awards and rankings

- Antitrust: Merger Control, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2018

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - You can't spell FinTech without FTC *Antitrust and Competition Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Doing business in the United States
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Artificial Intelligence and your business: A guide for navigating the legal, policy, commercial, and strategic challenges ahead *Hogan Lovells*
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - 2017 Global Antitrust Enforcement Symposium
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Global retail industry from every angle

- Blog Post

- Moving Beyond #Ad: Instagram Unveils New Tool for Disclosing Endorsements