

International Competition

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The growing interdependence of economic activities across borders has intensified antitrust implications for enterprises doing business internationally. Companies that wish to redress antitrust injuries in multiple national markets may face many legal and practical obstacles. In this context, Zelle is uniquely positioned to design global recovery solutions for our clients. We have many decades of successful antitrust experience in representing businesses and consumers in class and opt-out actions by maximizing their damages awards through vigorous prosecution and artful settlement negotiations. With multilingual attorneys who are licensed/qualified to practice in China, Spain and England & Wales and through partnerships around the world, we regularly work with corporate clients and foreign counsel in the Americas, Asia and the EU on international competition matters.

For example, Zelle attorneys represented the British subsidiary of a Fortune 500 company in the first-ever private antitrust action brought in the courts of the United Kingdom. We have participated in competition and antitrust litigation in other European countries, and are currently involved in several “follow-on” matters, seeking to recover the damages our clients suffered at the hands of cartelists in cases where the European Commission has found an antitrust infringement. We have also been very active in China, where we counseled the Chinese government and Supreme People’s Court on competition-related legislation and litigation rulemaking. We have also represented industry participants (through local counsel) before China’s regulatory agency MOFCOM (now known as SAMR) and advocated their concerns regarding the potential anticompetitive effects of a proposed merger transaction. In Canada, we are actively involved in competition and antitrust litigation with a network of Canadian co-counsel.

We also maintain a solid counseling practice, working closely with multinational corporations to identify situations in which they may have suffered substantial injury from antitrust violations around the world and help them optimize recovery strategies. We are also available to advise clients on how to minimize legal risk when transferring information across international borders and how to navigate discovery and privilege pitfalls in cross-border antitrust disputes or investigations.