

William L. Monts, III

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

William "Tripp" Monts got interested in antitrust litigation as a law student when he got involved in a case involving waffle flour and waffle irons. The industries have changed over the years, but that fascination with handling antitrust cases has not.

Whether they be class actions, government suits, or individual claims, Tripp has handled virtually every kind of antitrust dispute – price fixing, market allocation, boycott, tying, price discrimination, and monopolization – for major international companies and domestic clients and associations in industries as diverse as automobiles, energy, health care, software, insurance, and the professions. He views his job as learning a client's business quickly and figuring out how to resolve disputes quickly and efficiently to meet the client's business aims.

An athlete whose schoolyard ambitions outstripped his talent, Tripp has also found that games and the law do mix. He has been privileged to advise numerous clients on the sports field on a host of antitrust and commercial issues, ranging from the design of athletic contests to telecasting arrangements to athlete eligibility to relations with governing bodies and other similar issues.

Tripp also has a keen interest in foreign affairs and has been fortunate enough to represent sovereign clients in a host of cases under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and analyzed an array of legislative proposals that would alter the provisions of that statute. The issues he



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Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Joint Ventures

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Automotive

Aerospace and Defense

Education

Energy and Natural Resources

Technology and Telecoms

Manufacturing and Industrials

Areas of focus

has litigated have spanned a broad gamut from property expropriations to trademark issues, ordinary commercial contracts, and garden-variety torts involving sovereign states.

Representative experience

Represents major college football conferences and institutions in connection with the College Football Playoff.

Tried and obtained a defense judgment for Suncor Energy (USA) Inc. in a price discrimination case involving gasoline.

Obtained summary judgment, affirmed on appeal, for a major automobile manufacturer on antitrust and contract claims related to remanufactured parts.

Representing two major medical associations in a price-fixing class action involving donation of human oocytes.

Obtained summary judgment, affirmed on appeal, for a major automobile manufacturer in a monopolization case involving extended service plans.

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - FTC expands its interpretation of its Competition Enforcement Mandate
- News
 - DOJ secures first criminal attempted monopolization conviction in decades
- Insights and Analysis
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive 2022
- News
 - A survey of President Biden's Executive Order on promoting competition in the American economy
- News
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive 2021
- News
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive 2020

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Competition Compliance

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1989

B.A., Yale University, 1984

Memberships

Member, Antitrust Section, American Bar Association

Member, Litigation Section, American Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
