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Merging Horizons

Antitrust Transactions

“Axinn shows time and again not just an understanding of complex and sophisticated antitrust issues, but a mastery of all of the nuances contained therein.”

—Chambers USA

Axinn’s antitrust practice is among the largest in the world. In bench strength, experience, and significance of transactions, we surpass competitors — which is why clients bring us their toughest deals. Our track record of obtaining global clearance of combinations of significant rivals has built our reputation as a go-to firm for strategic mergers and acquisitions.

We consistently serve some of the world’s largest and most renowned companies, addressing matters of utmost strategic importance. Our team comprises diverse lawyers with backgrounds in government, in-house, and private practice, ensuring a comprehensive and multifaceted approach to our clients’ needs.

Recent Honors

Global Competition Review

- Firm of the Year (x3)
- Matter of the Year
- Behavioral Matter of the Year
- Lawyer of the Year

Chambers and Partners

- Shortlisted for Antitrust Firm of the Year
- Global, Nationwide, DC, New York, California, and Connecticut rankings

Legal 500

- Nationwide Antitrust Merger Control rankings

70+ full-time antitrust lawyers

\$500b in M&A transactions

85+ years of government experience

~50 years of FTC and DOJ experience

Strategies at work

VMware, Inc.'s \$69 billion acquisition by Broadcom Inc.

Axinn represented VMware, a leading innovator in virtualization and other enterprise software, as global lead antitrust counsel in its \$69 billion acquisition by Broadcom, a global technology leader in semiconductors, data center hardware, and infrastructure software solutions. In a transaction described as “one of the largest technology mergers ever” by *The Wall Street Journal*, Axinn led VMware to secure global regulatory clearances in more than 10 jurisdictions to pave the way for closing the deal.

Ball Corporation's \$5.6 billion sale to BAE Systems

Axinn advised Ball Corporation, the world's leading producer of sustainable aluminum packaging for global beverage and household brands, in the \$5.6 billion sale of its aerospace business to BAE Systems. As lead antitrust counsel to Ball, Axinn helped secure antitrust clearance within six months of the deal's announcement, obtaining early termination of the Second Request investigation while avoiding the need for substantial compliance by Ball. This marked one of the fastest clearances for a defense deal in which a U.S. antitrust agency issued a Second Request.

Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc's \$12.7 billion acquisition of Zynga

Axinn represented Take-Two Interactive Software a global leader in interactive entertainment, on antitrust matters in its \$12.7 billion acquisition of Zynga, a leading mobile game publisher. The deal was cleared following comprehensive reviews across multiple global jurisdictions.

First Advantage's \$2.2 billion acquisition of Sterling Check Corp.

Axinn represented First Advantage, a leading employment background screening provider, on antitrust matters related to its successful \$2.2 billion acquisition of Sterling Check Corp, a provider of technology-enabled background and identity verification services. Axinn advised on antitrust and competition law filings in the US and internationally, including navigating a Second Request from the Department of Justice as part of the regulatory review process.

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