

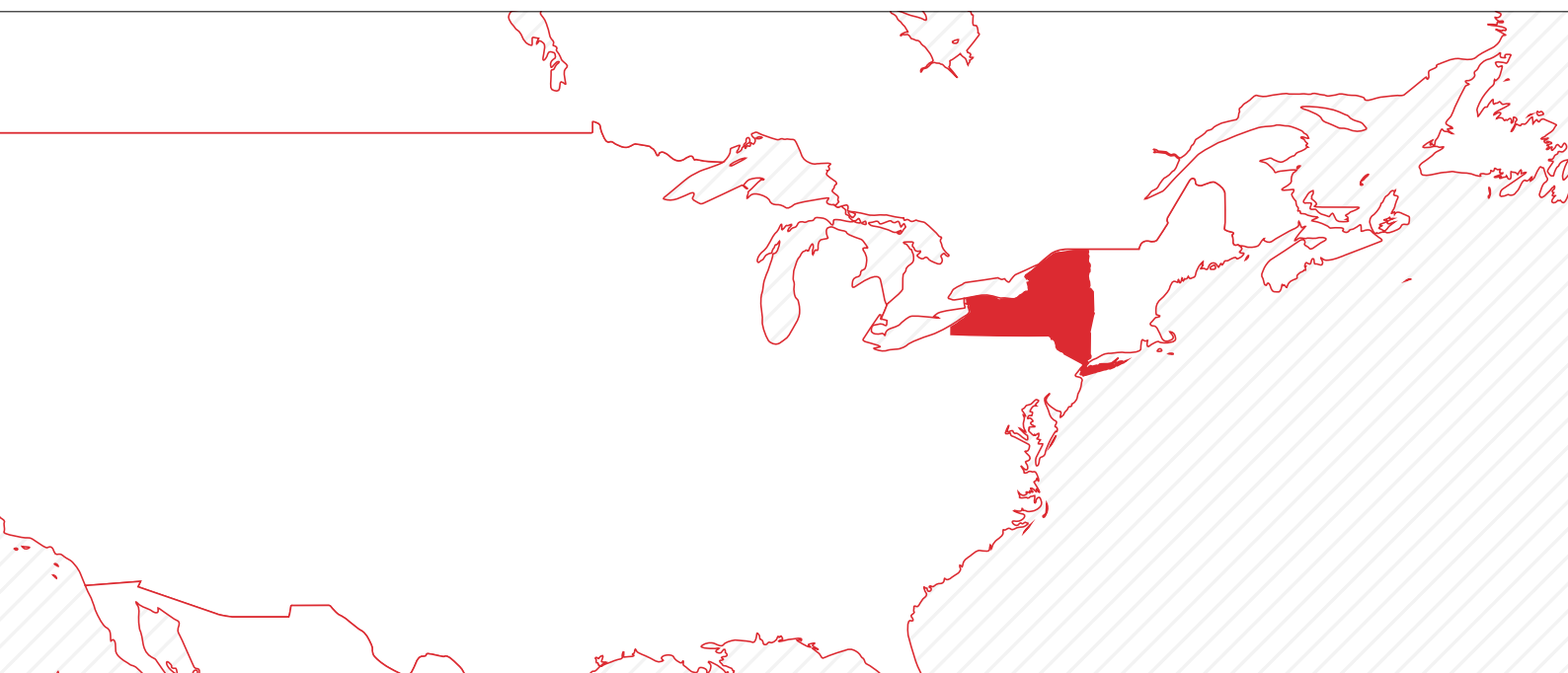


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# United States

# New York

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## ELITE

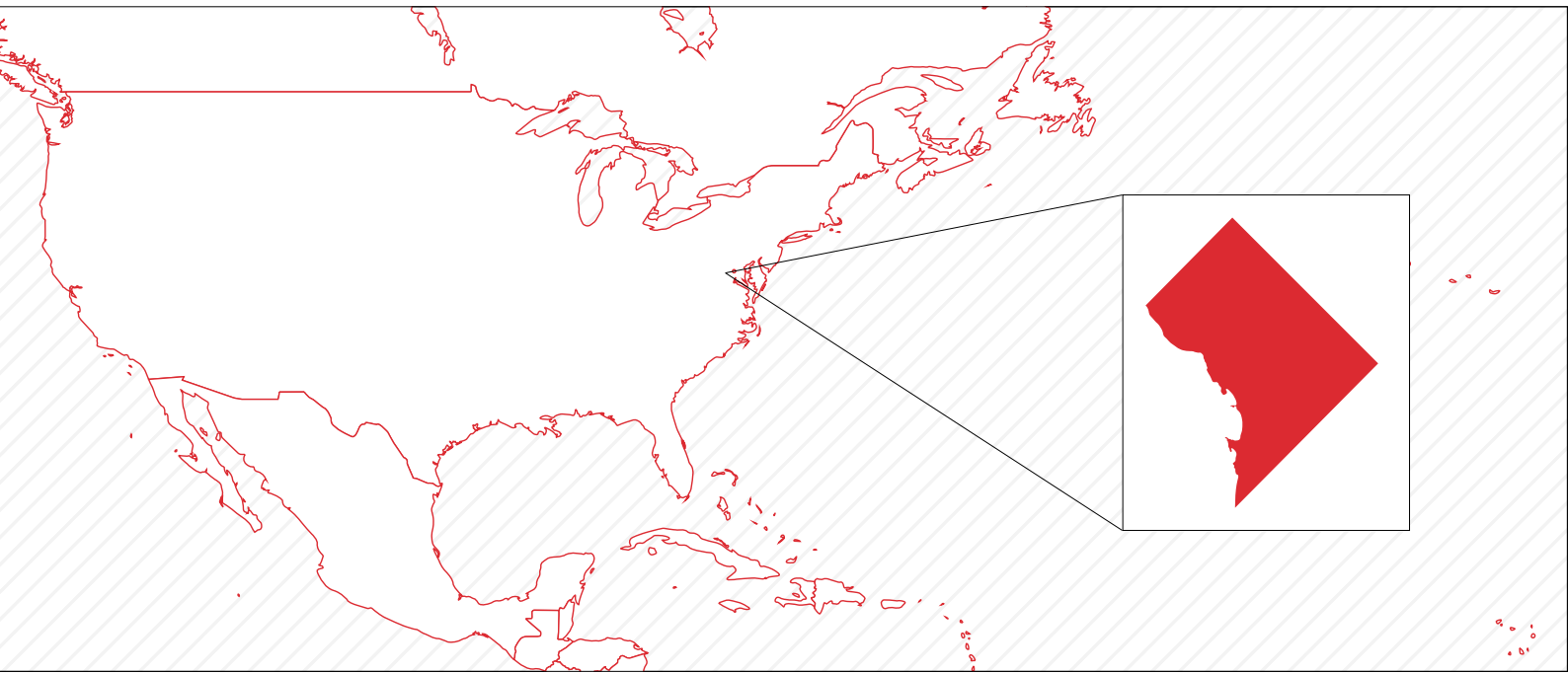
The only antitrust boutique in our New York rankings, **AXINN VELTROP & HARKRIDER** remains a go-to firm for some of the most significant US antitrust matters, including the defence of its long-time client Google. Partners John Harkrider and DC-based Michael Keeley lead the firm's New York competition team, which includes almost 30 attorneys.

Axinn remains Google's go-to counsel for matters related to its advertising business, and it currently represents the platform in investigations by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Texas attorney general. But preparing Google for the most high-profile US antitrust probe in two decades remains just a part of its work. Harkrider and Keeley led for Thermo Fisher Scientific on its attempted \$12.5 billion purchase of molecular diagnostics company QIAGEN. The merger received a second request from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in April 2020 before the parties abandoned the deal after QIAGEN failed

to secure enough shareholder support to proceed. Working alongside partners Nicholas Gaglio and Peter Herrick, Harkrider advised Stone Point Capital on its acquisition of Coventry Workers' Comp Services from CVS Health, securing the green light from the Antitrust Division.

Gaglio and Herrick also advised Centerbridge's KIK Custom Products on the sale of its personal care business to Voyant Beauty. Partner Lisl Dunlop is leading for Tufts Health Plan in its proposed tie-up with Harvard Pilgrim Health Care following a second request from the DOJ. In the *Auto Parts* multi-district litigation, Axinn helped the Nishikawa Group resolve claims it fixed prices for body-sealing products and also secured a dismissal for Friedrich Boysen GmbH related to automotive exhaust products.

Firm	Head(s) of competition	Size	No. WWL nominees	Clients
ELITE				
Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider	John Harkrider	5 partners 1 counsel 23 associates	2	Google, Silver Lake, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Stanley Black & Decker, HIG Capital, Ball Corporation, Alvogen, Centerbridge Partners, Stone Point Capital



# United States Washington, DC

Even though 2020 was mired in uncertainty, at least one thing remained stable: the antitrust bar in Washington, DC.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Practice co-chair Michael Keeley heads the DC office at antitrust and intellectual property boutique **AXINN VELTROP & HARKRIDER**. Following the addition of former deputy assistant attorney general Leslie Overton in August 2019, the firm has continued to beef up its partnership. In March 2020, Axinn recruited Qualcomm in-house antitrust counsel Koren Wong-Ervin, who previously served as FTC counsel for intellectual property and international antitrust and was also an attorney adviser to Commissioner Joshua Wright during his time at the agency. The firm's DC operation now features nine partners, three counsel and 25 associates who focus on antitrust.

Wong-Ervin and Overton are counsel to Google in pending investigations into the company's advertising business. DC partners Rachel

Adcox and Tiffany Rider are leading the defence for Tyson Foods in class action litigation alleging industry-wide conspiracies to raise the prices of broiler chickens, pork, turkey and beef. Adcox and Keeley are also guiding the defence of pharmaceutical company Alvogen in states' multi-district litigation against generic drug manufacturers. Alvogen was brought into the case in late 2019 and is accused of conspiring to raise prices of generic medications through the allocation of markets. Partner Jeny Maier has taken the lead on Axinn's representation of solar energy provider Sunrun in its \$3.2 billion acquisition of Vivint Solar.

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