

Axinn Wins Newspaper Comics Case

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On behalf of The Hartford Courant Company, Axinn successfully argued before the Connecticut Supreme Court that exclusive publishing arrangements are “presumptively lawful” under the antitrust laws -- an issue of first impression before the Court. A competing newspaper had claimed that the Hartford Courant’s exclusive publication of various Sunday comic strips was anticompetitive. Additionally, the case is a landmark decision setting the hurdles that a competitor must clear before obtaining pre-complaint discovery to support an antitrust complaint. *Journal Publ’g Co. v. Hartford Courant Co.*, 261 Conn. 673 (2002).

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