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Monica Smith guides U.S. and foreign companies in gaining clearances for complex, multibillion-dollar deals, often involving international investigations and Second Requests by the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Monica represents companies in several sectors, including oil and gas, food and beverage, healthcare, aerospace and defense, consumer goods, banking and financial services, and paper and packaging. Notably, Monica represented a paper and packaging company in an \$11 billion acquisition, which stands as one of the first transactions to apply for clearance under the EU foreign subsidies regulation.

Monica earned her JD from New York University School of Law, where she was a member of the Jacobson Leadership Program in Law and Business and Editor-in-Chief of the *New York University Law Review*. During law school, she was a Lawrence Lederman Fellow and received the Vanderbilt Medal for outstanding contributions to the School of Law in 2016. After graduating, Monica clerked for the Honorable Leo E. Strine, Jr., Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court.

Monica is active in the American Bar Association Antitrust Section, serving as Vice Chair of the Transportation and Energy Industries Committee and a Young Lawyer Representative of the Unfair Competition Committee.

Clerkships

- Hon. Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr., Delaware Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk (2017 – 2018)

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association, Antitrust Law Section, Transportation and Energy Industries Committee, Vice Chair (2024 – present)
- American Bar Association, Antitrust Law Section, Unfair Competition Committee, Young Lawyer Representative (2023 – present)
- Telluride Association, Board Member (2022 – present)
- *New York University Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief (Vol. 90 – 91) (2015 – 2016)

Experience

- Represented an oil and gas company in the review of its \$26 billion acquisition of another oil and gas company.
- Represented a European corrugated packaging company in the review of its \$20 billion combination with a U.S.-based paper packaging company.
- Represented an aerospace and defense company in the review of its \$4.7 billion acquisition by another aerospace and defense company.
- Represented a poultry processor in the review of its \$4.5 billion acquisition by an agriculture joint venture.

** Includes matters handled prior to joining Axinn*

Honors

- New York University School of Law, Jacobson Leadership Program, Vanderbilt Medal (2016)
- Lawrence Lederman Fellowship

Education

- JD – New York University School of Law (2016)
- BA, Political Science – Washington University in St. Louis (2011)

Admissions

- New York

Not yet admitted to the Washington, DC, Bar.

Quotes

“Axinn brings a deep bench of experienced practitioners who can handle any manner of antitrust representation.”

— *The Legal 500 United States*

“Their work has been really, really top notch - they’re quite comfortable moving beyond the obvious issues and digging down deeper to get to the next level of analysis.”

— *Chambers USA*

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