

The Antitrust Dispatch

THE GW LAB'S BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Lab's Bimonthly Newsletter: The Antitrust Dispatch!

We are delighted to present the latest edition of the Lab's newsletter, *The Antitrust Dispatch*. This edition highlights the resounding success of the GW-Milbank Antitrust Salon, convened on June 4th at The George Washington University. This pivotal gathering fostered a profound transatlantic dialogue, uniting Director-General Olivier Guersent of the European Commission with FTC Commissioner Melissa Holyoak and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Bill Rinner. Together, they delved into recent antitrust advancements, offering reflective insights while boldly charting the trajectory of contemporary policy reforms and enforcement strategies. We are pleased to share Mr. Rinner's compelling remarks, available [here](#).

Building on this momentum, our Regional Initiatives have sustained a vibrant array of in-person and virtual convenings, complemented by the release of several thought-provoking Working Papers.

It is with great pride that I announce my appointment, effective August 1, 2025, as Editor of the *Antitrust Law Journal* of the American Bar Association. In mid-August, I shall convene with esteemed colleagues at the ABA Antitrust Section's Leadership Summit in Ojai, California, where we will envision new horizons for this venerable publication. Through incisive, forward-thinking contributions, we aspire to illuminate emerging antitrust paradigms and inspire the next generation of legal thinkers.

In conclusion, I extend a heartfelt invitation to our community of scholars, practitioners, and supporters to consider contributing to the Lab. As American universities navigate unprecedented challenges, your tax-deductible donations—facilitated through The George Washington University's charitable status—serve as vital catalysts for transformative events and groundbreaking publications that shape the future of antitrust jurisprudence.

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Aurelien Portuese

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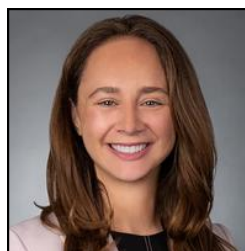
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Give to the Lab

Updates on the growth of the Lab

Elyse Dorsey, previously a Senior Fellow of the Lab, has taken on an increased role, heading our National Amicus Briefs Initiative (NABI). A career antitrust lawyer with extensive appellate experience with DOJ and FTC, Elyse is poised to transform antitrust enforcement in the judiciary.



Elyse Dorsey



Donna-Faye Imadi

Donna-Faye Imadi, an associate at Akin, has joined the Lab as a Visiting Fellow with experience in counseling and litigation, mergers, international trade, and ESG compliance. Donna-Faye is focusing her efforts on developing a series of briefings for the U.S. House of Representatives. The first of these briefings is expected this Fall.



Event Spotlight

Following a successful event last winter, the Lab once again partnered with Milbank for the GW-Milbank Antitrust Salon, a day-long event to discuss the major implications that recent changes in political leadership, trade policy, and international relations will have on antitrust enforcement globally.

Speakers included US FTC Commissioner Melissa Holyoak, Olivier Guersent, Director-General for Competition of the European Commission, and US DOJ DAAG Bill Rinner.








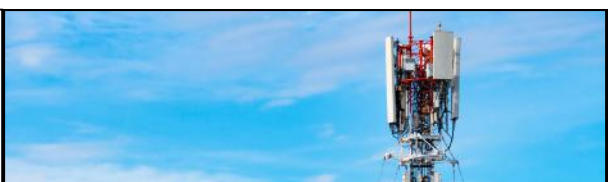
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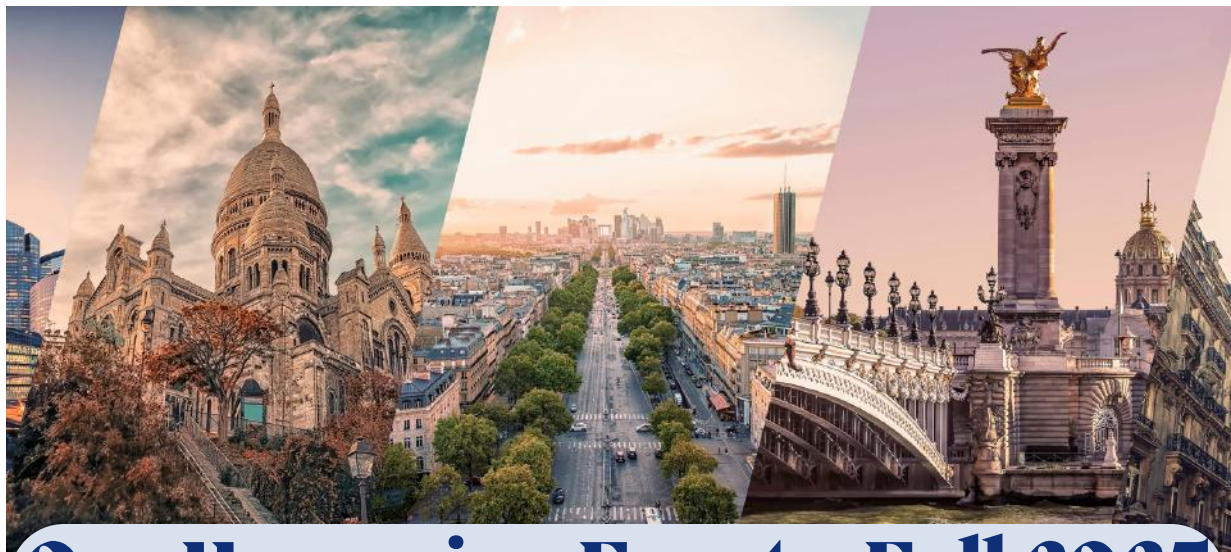
Bill Rinner, the Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, delivered a keynote address about fair and vigorous merger enforcement at our GW-Milbank Antitrust Salon in June.

We were honored to have DAAG Rinner speak at our event, and we were doubly honored to republish his remarks on the [Competition Lab site](#).



Our Events: June–July 2025

June 4	<u>The GW-Milbank Antitrust Salon</u>	
June 6	<u>International Trade Law & Global Data Governance in Italy</u>	
July 16	<u>Competition Moot Court in Peru</u>	
July 18	<u>India Competition Law 2.0: Commitments and Settlements</u>	
July 28	<u>Antitrust in Labor Markets: Key Risks and Enforcement Trends</u>	
July 30	<u>The Telecom Dilemma: Balancing Infrastructure and Consumer Welfare</u>	



Our Upcoming Events: Fall 2025

Sept 17	<u>Artificial Intelligence and Consumer Fraud</u> <u>(Washington DC)</u>	
Sept 19-20	<u>Research Conference on Communications, Information, and Internet Policy</u> <u>(Washington DC)</u>	
Sept 22	<u>The Competition & Growth Conference</u> <u>(London)</u>	
Sept 23	<u>AI Governance: Between Competition & Regulation</u> <u>(EU Parliament, Brussels)</u>	
Sept 23-25	<u>LEAR Competition Festival/Young Talent Award</u> <u>(Rome)</u>	



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DOJ DAAG Bill Rinner's Keynote Address at the GW-Milbank Antitrust Salon

THE TOPIC OF MY SPEECH IS MERGER ENFORCEMENT — IN PARTICULAR, HOW WE INTEND TO OPERATE THE DIVISION'S PROCESSES UNDER AAG SLATER TO ENSURE FAIR AND VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT...

WE RECOGNIZE THAT COMPETITION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH NECESSARILY RELY ON A HEALTHY DEALMAKING ENVIRONMENT. AND COMPETITION THRIVES ONLY IF MERGER ENFORCEMENT IS ROBUST AND EFFECTIVE AGAINST UNLAWFUL TRANSACTIONS.

WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT OUR GOALS FOR MERGER SETTLEMENTS: THEY MUST BE STRONG, ROBUST, AND PROVIDE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO PROTECT COMPETITION.

IF WE SUCCEED IN RESTORING PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS AND VIGOR TO MERGER REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT, I HOPE WE WILL ALSO SUCCEED IN ENJOINING OR MITIGATING HARM WHERE IT OCCURS, WITHOUT HAMPERING THE MANY TRANSACTIONS THAT BENEFIT AMERICANS.

[READ THE FULL SPEECH
HERE](#)



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IN JULY, THE LAB SPONSORED A COMPETITION MOOT COURT IN PERU. THE 1ST PLACE TEAM RECEIVED \$10,000, WHILE THE 2ND PLACE TEAM MEMBERS WERE GRANTED A SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH THE LAB!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS OF THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.



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The Rivalry Podcast – Episode 3

FOR EPISODE 3 OF THE LAB'S RIVALRY PODCAST, THE LAB'S FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR AURELIEN PORTUESE SAT DOWN WITH LAB SENIOR FELLOW JORGE PADILLA FOR A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ABOUT JORGE'S STORIED CAREER, ANTI-EXPERT BIAS WORLDWIDE, HELPFUL ANALOGIES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THINKING BOTH FAST AND SLOW.

WATCH THE FULL EPISODE BELOW, AND [GO HERE](#) FOR MORE EPISODES



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