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Michael Baker represents clients in antitrust disputes and commercial litigation. He spent a combined five years as an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission in its Anticompetitive Practices Divisions, and he began his career with an Am Law 50 firm in Washington, D.C., focusing on antitrust. Mike's breadth of antitrust experience gives him a 360-degree viewpoint on the business, legal, and regulatory considerations involved in these complex matters.

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2014, Order of the Coif; *Virginia Law Review*

University of Richmond, Robins School of Business, B.S.B.A., 2009, Economics, *cum laude*

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Federal Trade Commission, Attorney in the Anticompetitive Practices Divisions I and II

Law Clerk for the Hon. D. Brooks Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Law Clerk for the Hon. Rebecca Beach Smith, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Rimini Street, Inc., Corporate Counsel, Litigation and Competition

Associate, Covington & Burling

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
District of Columbia

HIGHLIGHTS

- Representing multiple healthcare systems in opt-out antitrust claims against Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and the individual Blues entities, challenging anticompetitive agreements that have wrongfully deprived the providers of competitive reimbursement for their services.
- Chief of Staff of FTC antitrust case bringing claims under Section 2 of the Sherman Act against major consumer website.
- Conducted FTC investigation and filed first Robinson-Patman Act litigation by the government in more than 20 years against a premier beverage distributor.
- Led FTC Durbin Amendment investigation into major debit card network.
- Represented data analytics and consulting company in the poultry sector defending against Section 1 antitrust claims.
- Represented local television stations in Department of Justice investigation and litigation regarding information exchanges.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust & Competition
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Mike has significant experience—both as a government enforcer and in private practice—in government investigations and litigation regarding various antitrust claims, including exclusive dealing, price fixing, monopolization, attempted monopolization, tying, refusals to deal, information exchanges, and non-compete agreements. He has also represented clients before the FTC and the Department of Justice in all phases of merger review.

In addition to his stints in private practice and with the FTC, he served as corporate counsel for competition and litigation at an enterprise software solutions company, where he supervised copyright and unfair competition litigation against a major technology company. This experience has provided Mike with a unique perspective regarding the needs of clients engaged in complex litigation.

CASES

WTO Matters

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Matters Prior to WTO

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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Federal Trade Commission Joan (Jodie) Z. Bernstein Award
Recipient

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Basketball, travelling, watching my two young children grow