

## William L. Monts, III

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### Biography

William "Tripp" Monts got interested in antitrust litigation as a law student when he got involved in a case involving waffle flour and waffle irons. The industries have changed over the years, but that fascination with handling antitrust cases has not.

Whether they be class actions, government suits, or individual claims, Tripp has handled virtually every kind of antitrust dispute – price fixing, market allocation, boycott, tying, price discrimination, and monopolization – for major international companies and domestic clients and associations in industries as diverse as automobiles, energy, health care, software, insurance, and the professions. He views his job as learning a client's business quickly and figuring out how to resolve disputes quickly and efficiently to meet the client's business aims.

An athlete whose schoolyard ambitions outstripped his talent, Tripp has also found that games and the law do mix. He has been privileged to advise numerous clients on the sports field on a host of antitrust and commercial issues, ranging from the design of athletic contests to telecasting arrangements to athlete eligibility to relations with governing bodies and other similar issues.

Tripp also has a keen interest in foreign affairs and has



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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Joint Ventures

Litigation

Commercial Litigation

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been fortunate enough to represent sovereign clients in a host of cases under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and analyzed an array of legislative proposals that would alter the provisions of that statute. The issues he has litigated have spanned a broad gamut from property expropriations to trademark issues, ordinary commercial contracts, and garden-variety torts involving sovereign states.

## Representative experience

Represents major college football conferences and institutions in connection with the College Football Playoff.

Tried and obtained a defense judgment for Suncor Energy (USA) Inc. in a price discrimination case involving gasoline.

Obtained summary judgment, affirmed on appeal, for a major automobile manufacturer on antitrust and contract claims related to remanufactured parts.

Representing two major medical associations in a price-fixing class action involving donation of human oocytes.

Obtained summary judgment, affirmed on appeal, for a major automobile manufacturer in a monopolization case involving extended service plans.

## Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
  - Getting The Deal Through Automotive 2019 - United States
- Blog Post
  - Updated Merger Filing Rules in COMESA
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Seventh Circuit paves way for increased application of U.S. antitrust laws to foreign conduct  
*Antitrust, Competition, and Economic Regulation*

## Industries

Automotive and Mobility  
Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services  
Education  
Energy and Natural Resources  
TMT  
Diversified Industrials

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## Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices  
Antitrust and Competition Litigation  
Competition Compliance  
Class Actions and Group Litigation  
Getting the Deal Through: Automotive 2019  
Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects  
Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1989  
B.A., Yale University, 1984

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## Memberships

*Alert*

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - A new critical path for utility mergers: FERC declines to adopt DOJ/FTC framework for merger and market-based rates analysis *Energy Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Morgan Stanley to disgorge profits earned from anticompetitive derivative agreements *Antitrust, Competition and Economic Regulation Alert*
- Published Works
  - Antitrust Class Actions After Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes *CPI Antitrust Chronicle*

Member, Antitrust Section,  
American Bar Association

Member, Litigation Section,  
American Bar Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

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## Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of  
Columbia

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