

Michele S. Harrington

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Biography

Michele Harrington's vast knowledge and experience applying the requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Act to acquisitions is well-known and recognized among her peers and others.

Michele was the co-editor of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law's most recent edition of the *Premerger Notification Practice Manual*, which is a popular primary research tool used by HSR practitioners throughout the United States. Michele has supervised the filing of hundreds of HSR forms, helping companies obtain the antitrust regulatory clearances they need to close on transactions. She routinely steers companies through the antitrust approval process and responds effectively to government investigations. For example, her representation of ITA Software Inc., in connection with the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) investigation of the Google-ITA transaction, was awarded "Merger Control Matter of the Year - Americas (2012)" by *Global Competition Review*.

For more than 29 years, Michele has helped clients navigate a range of antitrust issues in connection with mergers, acquisitions, licensing agreements, and joint ventures, including "bet the company" transactions. Michele provides antitrust advice on contract terms, due diligence and integration planning, regulatory risk



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Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Industries

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Agency Investigations

Competition Compliance

Merger Control

Education and admissions

assessment, and strategies to respond effectively to government investigations. Michele can help you obtain the antitrust regulatory clearances needed to close transactions.

Representative experience

Advised Colfax Corporation on U.S. antitrust issues in connection with its US\$947m acquisition of Victor Technologies Holdings, Inc.

Represented Precision Dermatology, Inc. in connection with FTC investigation of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc.'s acquisition of Precision.

Served as Ariba's antitrust counsel in connection with SAP's US\$4bn acquisition of Ariba.

Successfully obtained antitrust clearance for ITA Software from DOJ in connection with Google's widely publicized US\$700m acquisition of ITA.

Successfully obtained antitrust clearance from the FTC for Admob in connection with Google's acquisition of Admob.

Advised Tumblr in connection with Yahoo's US\$1.1bn acquisition of Tumblr.

Acquisition by KBR, Inc., of SGT, Inc., a provider of award-winning, high-value engineering, mission operations, scientific, and IT service solutions to federal government agencies.

Awards and rankings

- Legal Elite, Legislative, Regulatory, and Administrative, *Virginia Business magazine*, 2007-2008, 2010-2012, 2014-2016
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts: Antitrust, *Legal 500 US*, 2014

Latest thinking and events

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, Kent Scholar, Stone Scholar, 1987

B.A., Brown University, magna cum laude, 1984

Memberships

Member, Antitrust Section, American Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Virginia

District of Columbia

Accolades

"Highly recommended."

Legal 500 2014

- News
 - FTC announces temporary suspension of grants of early termination for HSR filings
- News
 - New HSR and interlocking directorate thresholds announced for 2021
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Welk Hospitality Group Inc. on approx. US\$430m pending acquisition by Marriott Vacations Worldwide
- News
 - FTC rocks the HSR boat: Proposed rules will increase HSR filings for investment funds and others
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises KBR in an agreement to acquire Centauri from Arlington Capital Partners
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Bundesrepublik Deutschland – Finanzagentur GmbH on the stabilisation measures for Deutsche Lufthansa AG