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Swathi Bojedla

Experience

Swathi's career has spanned a wide range of practice areas at Hausfeld. From initial case investigations through trial, she has represented the firm's clients in all aspects of litigation. Her work has encompassed some of the highest-profile class action sports and antitrust cases in recent years, and she has been involved in the recovery of over \$500 million in settlement awards on behalf of the firm's clients.

Prior to joining Hausfeld, Swathi worked on several presidential campaigns and in the U.S. Senate, both for then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and as a law clerk to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

Clients

Swathi has litigated a variety of other cases across the legal spectrum, securing favorable results for her clients. In the antitrust realm, she has represented clients in the health insurance, transportation, and financial services sectors seeking to recover damages from price-fixing and market allocation cartels. As an avid sports fan, Swathi has relished the opportunity to represent current and former athletes as they seek fair treatment for the dedication they put into the game.

Swathi has also represented numerous financial institutions across the country who have suffered damages as a result of data breaches at retailers including Target, Home Depot, Kmart, and Wendy's. Through her work on these cases, she has developed an expertise in data breach law and card brand recovery processes, and has helped to design and implement unique settlement frameworks in this developing area of law.

PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust / Competition

- *In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation* – In one of the largest and most complex antitrust class action cases ever litigated, Swathi represents tens of millions of subscriber plaintiffs alleging higher premiums and loss of competition in the market for health insurance due to a conspiracy among 36 insurer defendants to allocate geographic territories. In 2018, the subscriber plaintiffs achieved summary judgment on the application of a per se standard to the alleged conduct, streamlining the case for class certification and trial.
- *In re Municipal Derivatives Litigation* – Swathi worked as part of a team that secured nearly \$250 million in settlements for a class of municipalities

affected by alleged bid-rigging in the market for municipal bonds.

- *In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation* – Swathi joined the trial team to prepare for trial against the final four defendants in a worldwide conspiracy to fix fuel surcharge on air cargo; her work assisted in driving settlements with the final defendants totaling nearly \$200 million. In 2016, she was recognized for her work in this, and the above-mentioned Municipal Derivatives case, at the *American Antitrust Institute* Enforcement Awards, where she won two of the three awards for “Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice.”

Sports and Entertainment

- *Dryer et al. v. National Football League* – Swathi represented a class of retired NFL players whose names, images, and likenesses were being used in NFL Films features. She was involved in negotiating a \$50 million settlement agreement, which created a Greater Good Fund to provide health and welfare programs to former NFL players and also established a licensing agency, in partnership with IMG, to help former players market their names, images, and likenesses. After this novel settlement was reached, Swathi continued to advise the Court-appointed Board of Directors on implementation of the settlement agreement.
- *O'Bannon v. NCAA* – Swathi represented a class action on behalf of current and former Division I men's basketball and FBS football players against the NCAA and its member institutions based on rules foreclosing athletes from receiving compensation for the use of their names, images, and likenesses. In 2014, plaintiffs completed a three-week bench trial in which Swathi was part of a trial team that successfully obtained class injunctive relief allowing college athletes to receive compensation for their NIL rights, a landmark victory for college athletes.

Mass Torts and Public Health Threats

- *Bowman et al. v. St. Joseph's Medical Center et al.* – Swathi participated in a mass tort action arising from the placement of unnecessary stents in patients at a Baltimore-area hospital, which culminated in a month-long jury trial in Maryland state court and a global resolution compensating over 240 affected patients.

Deceptive Business Practices and Consumer Protection

WHAT OTHERS SAY

- *Lawdragon* named Swathi as one of its "Top Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" (2020)
- Swathi was selected to be an Associate Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (2019-Present)

- Swathi has been consistently named a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers* (2016-Present)
- The *American Antitrust Institute* honored Swathi, as part of the *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation* case team, with its award for “Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice” (2016)
- Swathi has been honored by *Law360* as a “Rising Stars Under 40” in Sports Law (2016)
- The *Washington Business Journal* named Swathi as one of the top “Minority Business Leaders” (2016)
- The *American Antitrust Institute* honored Swathi, as part of the *O’Bannon v. NCAA* case team, with its award for “Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice” (2015)
- Swathi was honored by the *Global Competition Review*, as part of the *O’Bannon v. NCAA* case team, taking home the award for “Litigation of the Year - Non-Cartel Prosecution” (2015)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2011

Brown University, B.A., Human Biology & Public Policy, 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

New York

District Court for the District of Columbia

District Court for the Southern District of New York

District Court for the District of Colorado

Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Member, *Law360* Sports Editorial Advisory Board (2019)

Member, Brown University Women’s Leadership Council (2016-present)

Changing Perceptions, Board of Directors (2016-present)

Clerk, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee

Chair, Brown University Alumni Interviewing Program, Washington, D.C. (2012-present)

Managing Editor, *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* (2010-2011)

Prior member of Georgetown Law's Institute for Public Representation, a civil rights clinic, where she worked on Title VII litigation in the D.C. District Court.

Brown University Women's Leadership Council and prior D.C. Area Co-Chair for the school's admissions interviewing program.

Prior member, Board of Directors for the D.C. non-profit Changing Perceptions, which focuses on providing professional and personal support to formerly incarcerated citizens.

NEWS & PRESS

"Rising Star: Hausfeld's Swathi Bojedla", *Law360* (Apr. 27, 2016)

"Minority Business Leader Awards: Swathi Bojedla," *Washington Business Journal* (Feb. 26, 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

Swathi Bojedla and Kevin Wang, *Third Circuit's Suboxone Class Certification Affirmance Clarifies Commonality and Predominance Requirements*, Hausfeld Competition Bulletin, reprinted in Lexology (August 2020)

Swathi Bojedla, *Aerotec Int'l v. Honeywell Int'l: An Antitrust Primer for Aftermarket Issues*, Hausfeld Competition Bulletin, reprinted in Lexology (November 2016)

Swathi Bojedla, *Consumers Strike Out: Time Warner Cable Defeats Challenge to Rate Hikes for Unwanted Sports Content*, Trade, Sports & Professional Associations Newsletter (Spring 2015)

Swathi Bojedla, *Going to Trial as an Associate*, ABA Trial Practice Committee: Trying Antitrust Newsletter (Fall 2015)

Swathi Bojedla, *Is Major League Baseball's Antitrust Exemption in Jeopardy?*, ABA Antitrust Section Media & Technology E-Bulletin, Vol. 1, Iss. 3 (2013)

Michael Hausfeld and Swathi Bojedla, *The NFLPA's Potential Legal Liability to Former Players for Traumatic Brain Injury*, Concussions Litigation Reporter, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2012)

PRESENTATIONS & SPEECHES

Moderator, "Practicing as a Sports Lawyer: Antitrust and Beyond," ABA Section of Antitrust Law – Trade, Sports and Professional Associations Committee Virtual Panel (July 9, 2020)

Moderator, "Practicing as a Sports Lawyer: Antitrust and Beyond," ABA Section

of Antitrust Law – Trade, Sports and Professional Associations Committee
Panel (Sept. 5, 2019)

Panelist, "Uncommon Law: An Alumni Conversation," Brown University Alumni
Association Panel (July 23, 2019)

Speaker, "Inside O'Bannon v. NCAA," Legal Talk Network podcast (Oct. 21, 2015)

Speaker, "Preparing for an Antitrust Trial as an Associate," ABA Section of
Antitrust Law (Aug. 24, 2015)

Speaker, "The Sports Report: Sports, Consumer Protection and Antitrust –
What's Hot in 2015!," ABA Trade, Sports and Professional Associations (June 16,
2015)

IN THE NEWS

February 19, 2021

Rail Shippers Defeat BNSF, CSX, NS, and UP's Attempts to Insulate
Anticompetitive Conduct from Liability

February 18, 2021

Hausfeld Nominated for Litigation of the Year and Litigator of the Year by GCR
Awards 2021

August 28, 2020

Fifteen Hausfeld Lawyers Named to Lawdragon Plaintiff Financial Lawyer Guide
2020

November 18, 2019

Super Lawyers Recognizes 21 Hausfeld Lawyers Spanning Both Coasts and
Multiple Practice Areas

September 19, 2019

Fifteen Hausfeld Lawyers Named to Lawdragon Plaintiff Financial Lawyer Guide
2019

January 14, 2019

Hausfeld Announces Record Number of Promotions Globally, Demonstrating
Continued Firm Growth

ARTICLES

August 18, 2020

Third Circuit's Suboxone Class Certification Affirmance Clarifies Commonality
and Predominance Requirements

November 16, 2018

Third Circuit Resuscitates Medical Device Antitrust Claims Against Blue Cross
Blue Shield

May 22, 2018

Sealy and Topco Considered Polestars in Blue Cross Blue Shield Market Allocation Case

November 10, 2017

In re Auto Body Shop Antitrust Litigation: Pleading an Illegal Agreement through Plus Factors

November 14, 2016

Aerotec Int'l v. Honeywell Int'l: An Antitrust Primer for Aftermarket Issues

June 20, 2014

The NFLPA's Potential Legal Liability to Former Players for Traumatic Brain Injury