



Brian A. Ratner

Brian Ratner is Vice Chair of Hausfeld and serves on the firm's Global Executive Committee. Brian has extensive experience representing U.S. and international businesses in complex litigation at the trial and appellate levels. He is particularly experienced in litigating and resolving antitrust claims in U.S. and European courts, recovering hundreds of millions of dollars for his corporate clients.

Brian's broad experience demonstrates his ability to tackle and find solutions for the most novel legal issues, as well as represent his clients at all stages of global antitrust litigation and other complex business disputes, whether in the discovery, damages, trial, appeal or settlement phase, or whether in the U.S., Europe, or globally. This unique combination enables him to counsel and act for clients comprehensively, in a commercially sensitive manner, and wherever necessary.

Experience

Brian was selected to the Washington, DC Super Lawyers list from 2014-2019. For the past 6 years, The Legal 500, which provides comprehensive worldwide coverage on legal services and rankings, selected Brian as one of the Leading Lawyers in the U.S. representing plaintiffs in antitrust matters, stating that the *"incredibly impressive . . . Michael Hausfeld and Brian Ratner are highly skilled negotiators and litigators, and real fighters with an outstanding strategic sense . . . brilliant lawyer Brian Ratner is a very smart and business-oriented negotiator" . . . [He] thinks strategically, is an excellent negotiator and has a solid foundation of substantive law.*" In 2011, the publication also recommended him as an *"engaging, highly competent professional who can simplify complex antitrust matters and make them comprehensible to a non-antitrust attorney."* Brian was named to the 2018 and 2019 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America list and the 2018 Who's Who Legal: Competition list. The Benchmark Plaintiff Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff's Firms and Attorneys, named Brian as one of the country's top "Antitrust Litigation Stars" in 2013, and as one of Washington, DC's "Local Litigation Stars" from 2013-2015. Brian was also honored by Law360 as one of its 2012 Rising Stars and was previously named to the Legal Times 2009 "40 under 40" list, which recognized rising legal stars expected to play a key role in the Greater Washington legal community for years to come.

Brian has successfully litigated some of the biggest, most challenging, and most high stakes antitrust litigation in U.S. federal courts. He served as one of the lead lawyers in the landmark *Vitamins Antitrust Litigation* (D.D.C.) on behalf of vitamin direct purchasers who were overcharged as a result of a ten-year

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global price-fixing and market allocation conspiracy. The case settled for over \$1 billion and included a 2003 jury trial resulting in a verdict of \$148 million in trebled damages - the twelfth largest U.S. jury verdict in 2003. Brian was one of the principal lawyers that led the related case of *Empagran, S.A. et al. v. F. Hoffmann-LaRoche, Ltd., et al.* (D.D.C.), on behalf of foreign vitamin purchasers, all the way to the Supreme Court, resulting in a groundbreaking judgment on the scope of U.S. Sherman Act jurisdiction. This case was designated as the "Matter of the Year" by the Global Competition Review. Brian has also litigated, among other matters: *In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.), a case alleging a conspiracy to fix the price and limit the supply of Vitamin C sold for export to the United States, which has resulted in entry of a 2013 judgment for \$153.3 million post jury verdict in the direct purchasers' favor - the thirteenth largest U.S. jury verdict in 2013 - and \$32.5 million in settlements to date; *Oncology & Radiation Associates v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.* (D.D.C.), a case alleging unlawful monopolization against a drug manufacturer, which settled for \$65 million; and *Molecular Diagnostics Laboratories v. Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., et al.* (D.D.C.), a case alleging unlawful monopolization on behalf of purchasers of an enzyme used in DNA amplification, human-genome research, and medical diagnostics, which settled for \$33 million. Brian also serves as one of the lead lawyers representing the class in *In re American Express Anti-Steering Rules Antitrust Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.) and acted on the defense side in a U.S. class action against freight forwarders alleging a conspiracy to fix surcharges on air cargo shipments.

In coordination with his UK partners, Brian also currently represents purchasers of auto parts, car glass, polyurethane foam, air freight services, Visa/MasterCard services, trucks, power cables, carbon graphite, elevators, and pre-stressing steel in their individual cartel damage claims in Europe. Several of these clients are listed in Fortune Global 500 and Forbes Global 2000. Additionally, in the marine hose matter, on behalf of a group of oil and gas companies, he led the negotiations with cartelist Parker ITR which produced a first of its kind private global settlement agreement.

Brian has also frequently lectured, published articles and papers, and organized conferences on issues such as the private civil enforcement of competition law and the mechanisms for collective redress around the world.

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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Contingency

Financial Services and Securities

Antitrust / Competition

Competition Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D., 1999

Indiana University- Bloomington, B.A.J., 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

District of Columbia

The United States Supreme Court

Several Federal Courts

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Named a 'Leading Lawyer' for Civil Litigation/Class Action: Plaintiff by The Legal 500 (2014-2019)

Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice (*In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation*), American Antitrust Institute (2018)

Managing Editor, *Journal of Law and Commerce*

NEWS & PRESS

"Lawyer Limelight: Brian A. Ratner" *Lawdragon*, July 7, 2019

"What It Takes to Dominate in the Elite Game of International Litigation"
The American Lawyer, September 28, 2017

"Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500, and Global Competition Review Laud Hausfeld in Competition Law," *The Legal 500*, June 8, 2017

The Legal 500 Names Hausfeld to Top Tier of Firms in Antitrust for Seventh Year
, *The Legal 500*, July 7, 2016.

Super Lawyers Recognizes Thirteen Hausfeld Attorneys, *Super Lawyers*, April 17, 2015.

Hausfeld LLP Named as Tier 1 Firm Nationwide in Mass Tort and Class Action:
Plaintiff Representation - Antitrust by *The Legal 500*, July 2014

Super Lawyers Recognizes Six Hausfeld Attorneys, *Super Lawyers*, April 25, 2014

"Bar hopping," *Global Competition Review*, June 30, 2014

"Plaintiffs' antitrust bar," *Global Competition Review*, June 30, 2014

Hausfeld LLP Named as one of the top three U.S. firms in Antitrust Plaintiff
Representation by *The Legal 500*, July 2013

"Jury Finds Chinese Vitamin C Makers Fixed Prices; \$153.3M Judgment Entered
," *Mealey's Legal News & Litigation Reports*, March 14, 2013

Hausfeld LLP Named as Tier 1 Firm Nationwide in Plaintiff Antitrust Litigation
by *The Legal 500*, June 2012

"U.S. Class Action Lawyers Look Abroad," *Reuters*, March 20, 2012

Rising Star: Hausfeld's Brian Ratner, *Law360*, March 22, 2012

"Brian Ratner, People on the Move," *Washington Business Journal*, April 4, 2012

"Hausfeld, Hausfeld, Hooray," *Legal Bisnow*, April 6, 2012

"Analysis: Private antitrust lawsuits on the decline in U.S.," *Reuters*, June 13, 2011

"Chinese Cos. Can't Shake Vitamin C Antitrust MDL", *Law360*, September 7, 2011

"Vitamins cartel action filed against Roche in Panama," *Law360*, September 11,
2009

2009 Legal Times "40 under 40" list recognizing rising legal stars in Washington, July 14, 2009

"Unprecedented Global Settlement Reached with Parker ITR in Marine Hose Cartel," Class Action Litigation, March 13, 2009

Hausfeld LLP announces first-ever private settlement of global cartel, March 6, 2009

Hausfeld LLP Announces Distribution of Settlement Funds in TAQ Antitrust Case , November 19, 2009

"Private settlements could gain steam, lawyers say," *Law360*, March 12, 2009

"'Shell Model' Opens Door to European Class Actions," *The American Lawyer*, January 7, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, Chapter 39: USA, *The International Comparative Legal Guide to Cartels & Leniency*, 2014

Co-Author, "Principles and Objectives of Formal and Informal Settlements in EU Competition Cases: The Claimant's Perspective," paper submitted for the European University Institute's 13th Annual Competition Law & Policy Workshop, publication forthcoming

Co-Author, Michael Hausfeld and Brian Ratner, "Prosecuting Class Actions and Group Litigation - Understanding the Rise of International Class and Collective Action Litigation and How this Leads to Classes that Span International Borders ," *World Class Actions*, Chapter 26, September 2012

Co-Author, Brian A. Ratner and Sathya S. Gosselin, *The Novelty of Wal-Mart v. Dukes*, American Bar Association, Business Torts & Civil RICO Committee, *Business Torts & RICO News*, Vol. 8, Issue 1, Fall 2011

Co-Author, "A Proposal for a Transitional Forum," submitted for Antitrust Claims Against Foreign Firms and Cartels conference (Law Seminars International), September 7-8, 2006

PRESENTATIONS & SPEECHES

Panelist, *Criminal Antitrust Panel*, Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court, November 15, 2018.

Panel Speaker, "International- Private Antitrust Enforcement Around the Globe," AAI 11th Annual Private Antitrust Enforcement Conference (November 7, 2017)

Panel Speaker, "Global antitrust litigation - A brave new world," GCR Live 5th Annual Antitrust Law Leaders Forum

, (February 5-6, 2016)

Panel Speaker, "Private Enforcement: New International Approaches and Developments," Northwestern Law, (May 20, 2015)

Panel Leader, "Delivering Substantial Shareholder Returns Through Cartel Damages Litigation, on a Risk-Free Basis and with No Financial Investment," 10th Corporate Counsel & Corporate Compliance Exchange, (April 7-9, 2014)

IN THE NEWS

September 19, 2019

Fifteen Hausfeld Lawyers Named to Lawdragon Plaintiff Financial Lawyer Guide 2019

March 27, 2019

Hausfeld Wins "Lawyer of the Year" and "Litigation of the Year - Cartel Prosecution" at 9th Annual GCR Awards

February 28, 2019

Five Hausfeld Lawyers Named to Lawdragon 500 List of Leading Lawyers in America

January 28, 2019

Five Hausfeld Lawyers Recognised as Thought Leaders for Competition by Who's Who Legal

October 9, 2018

American Antitrust Institute Recognizes Hausfeld Attorneys Sarah LaFreniere, Brian Ratner, Brent Landau, Melinda Coolidge and Michael Hausfeld for Outstanding Antitrust Achievements

June 20, 2018

16 Hausfeld Lawyers Recognized in Who's Who of Competition in the US and Europe

ARTICLES

June 20, 2014

The International Comparative Legal Guide to Cartels & Leniency 2014 Edition

June 20, 2014

World Class Actions Chapter 26: Prosecuting Class Actions and Group Litigation

March 14, 2013

Hausfeld Partner Brent Landau Named Rising Star under 40 in Competition

March 13, 2013

Jury Finds Chinese Vitamin C Makers Fixed Prices; \$153.3M Judgment Entered

February 19, 2013

Hausfeld Defeats Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in HearUSA, Inc.