



## Melinda R. Coolidge

Tasked by the firm to evaluate potential antitrust cases and recommend a course of action, Melinda Coolidge assists a wide range of clients with an efficient analysis of their circumstances. She enjoys devising creative solutions for clients while managing complex litigation.

As a partner in the Washington, D.C. office, Melinda focuses on complex antitrust cases. Melinda plays a lead role in the firm's representation of various car manufacturers and other OEMs, working to recover damages incurred from the massive worldwide auto parts cartel. The cartel has resulted in over 80 guilty pleas in the United States, and fines and decisions by regulatory authorities around the world. She represents a class of end-payors of Thalomid and Revlimid in antitrust litigation against Celgene, and a class of direct purchasers of Zymar and Zymaxid in antitrust litigation against Allergan, Kyorin, and Senju. In another antitrust class action, she represents a class of poultry growers alleging a nationwide conspiracy among vertically-integrated poultry companies to suppress and maintain compensation for growing services below competitive levels. She also represents freight forwarders and other direct purchasers of air cargo shipping services against a worldwide price-fixing cartel in the *In re Air Cargo Antitrust Litigation*, in which her clients and the class have recovered over \$1 billion in settlements. In 2013, Melinda served on the trial team for the plaintiff class at trial in the *In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation*, which secured a trebled jury verdict of \$162 million against Chinese vitamin C manufacturer defendants. And as the primary brief writer on liability issues in the firm's *In re Prempro Products Liability Litigation*, Melinda represented dozens of women in a mass tort action against Pfizer and Wyeth over their hormone replacement therapy and links to breast cancer.



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### Experience

Melinda has been named one of Global Competition Review's Top 100 Women in Antitrust and one of the National Law Journal's Antitrust Trailblazers. She has also been recognized as a "rising star" by both the Legal 500 (a publication with worldwide coverage of legal services) for Antitrust - Cartel Enforcement, and by Law360 for career accomplishments in the class action arena. In 2019, The Legal 500 named Melinda a 'next generation lawyer' for Antitrust - Civil Litigation/Class Actions - Plaintiff. She was selected for the Super Lawyers Washington, D.C. Rising Stars list from 2014-2019, and was named by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as a player driving effective "big ticket" class action litigation on behalf of consumers. She serves as a fellow with the Litigation Counsel of America, and is an active member of the ABA Antitrust Section.

Melinda graduated cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center, where she served as an editor of the Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law, and assisted low-income tenants in Washington, D.C. to retain and purchase housing as a member of a student clinic. Before going to law school, she worked at Public Citizen, a national consumer advocacy organization. She currently spends her free time on progressive causes near her home in Takoma Park, MD.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust / Competition

Commercial Contingency

Deceptive Business Practices and Consumer Protection

#### EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2008

Tufts University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2003

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland

District of Columbia

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

United States District Court for the District of Maryland

United States District Court for the Western District of New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

United States Supreme Court

#### AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Legal 500 Next Generation Lawyer in Antitrust - Civil Litigation/Class Actions - Plaintiff (2019)

Super Lawyers Rising Star, Antitrust Litigation (2014-2019)

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

Legal 500 Recommended Attorney - Antitrust (2017-2019)

Member of the American Bar Association, International Cartel Task Force

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (2016)

National Law Journal Antitrust *Trailblazer* (2016)

Global Competition Review *Top 100 Women in Antitrust* (2016)

Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice (*In re Air Cargo Antitrust Litigation*), American Antitrust Institute (2016)

Legal 500 Rising Star in Antitrust - Cartel Enforcement (2015)

Law360 Rising Star in Class Actions (2015)

## NEWS & PRESS

"The Class of 2014," Global Competition Review (Mar. 5, 2015)

"At Some D.C. Firms, More Women than Men Make Partner," The National Law Journal (Jan. 19, 2015)

## PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, "The Federal Trade Commission Slams Impax/Endo Reverse Payment Settlement," Hausfeld Competition Bulletin/Lexology (May 2019).

William P. Butterfield, Conor R. Crowley, Melinda R. Coolidge, "Diving Deeper to Catch Bigger Fish," DESI III Conference, June 2009

## PRESENTATIONS & SPEECHES

Panel Speaker, "Antitrust Issues in Private Enforcement Actions Against Agricultural Industries," AAI 11th Annual Private Antitrust Enforcement Conference (November 7, 2017)

Panel Speaker, "Did the enforcers go bananas in *Dole v. Commission*? What are the boundaries of cartel conduct - and why does it matter?" GCR Live Cartels (April 5, 2016)

Panel Speaker, "Antitrust Claims: Class Actions and Opting Out," AAJ Annual Convention (July 26-29, 2014)

## IN THE NEWS

July 24, 2019

Hausfeld Announces \$55 Million Settlement in Antitrust Class Action Against Celgene

March 27, 2019

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

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 14, 2018

Vitamin C Purchasers Win Unanimous Supreme Court Victory in Decade-Long Antitrust Litigation

June 8, 2018

“At the top of its Game” - The Legal 500 (2018) Again Recognizes Hausfeld and its Lawyers as First Tier in Antitrust

June 7, 2017

Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500, and Global Competition Review Laud Hausfeld in Competition Law

## ARTICLES

May 17, 2019

The Federal Trade Commission Slams Impax/Endo Reverse Payment Settlement

June 20, 2014

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

## PERSPECTIVES

June 13, 2019

Monopoly Update: Open Markets Publishes Data on Increased Market Concentration in Dozens of Industries