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Areas of Practice

Antitrust & Competition

Cartel/Price-Fixing

US Antitrust

Education

University of Michigan Law
 School, J.D., 1964

Amherst College, B.A., *cum
 laude*, Economics, 1962

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

David L. Roll

David L. Roll is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where his practice focuses on antitrust and administrative law. From 1993 through February 1998 he served as Chairman of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. Mr. Roll also spearheads Steptoe's participation in Lex Mundi, a global alliance of high quality law firms which enables Steptoe to meet clients' needs throughout the world.

Before joining the firm in 1975, Mr. Roll was Assistant Director of the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission and was responsible for litigation of approximately one quarter of the Bureau's antitrust cases. In recent years, he has chaired the Section 7 (Clayton Act) and Robinson Patman Act Committees of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association and the Energy Committee of the ABA's Litigation Section.

Antitrust

Mr. Roll has concentrated his practice in antitrust counseling and litigation for almost 30 years. Mr. Roll has successfully defended clients in investigations and enforcement actions brought by the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission. He is experienced in merger analysis, asset redeployment planning, the Hart-Scott-Rodino filing and second request process and the latest techniques for securing approval of proposed mergers and joint ventures. Mr. Roll is also experienced in defending clients in litigation and trial of complex treble damage cases and in advising trade associations.

During the past few years, Mr. Roll has acted as outside counsel for the American Bar Association. Since 2002, he has represented the ABA in its suit against the FTC challenging its interpretation of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and obtained a highly favorable decision from Judge Walton in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia. In addition, he negotiated a consent decree with the Department of Justice and handled the Tunney Act proceedings in connection with the government's challenge to the ABA's law school accreditation practices under the Sherman Act.

Administrative Law and Litigation

Over the years Mr. Roll has challenged and defended dozens of federal regulations and regulatory actions. These have involved crude oil and refined product pricing, banking, insurance, food and drug, ocean carriage, and consumer credit. In the course of this work, Mr. Roll has litigated in numerous federal agencies, federal district courts, most federal circuit courts, and the US Supreme Court. In a six-week jury trial, Mr. Roll tried the last major case brought under the federal oil price controls.

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Noteworthy

- Assistant Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, Awards for distinguished service
- *Euromoney's* Expert Guide to the World's Leading Competition and Antitrust Lawyers (2006, 2008, 2010)
- Listed in Washington, DC, Super Lawyers 2007 for Antitrust Litigation

Select Seminars & Events

David Roll on Panel, "Funding the Public Good", January 19, 2007

David Roll Discusses Book at Woodrow Wilson Center, January 18, 2006

Selected Publications

The FTC as an Antitrust Enforcement Agency: Its Structure, Powers and Procedures, an American Bar Association Monograph

Professional Affiliations

Council Member, Chair Section 7 (Clayton Act), Committee, Vice Chair, Robinson Patman Act Committee, Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association

Chair, Energy Committee, Litigation Section of the American Bar Association