With more than 25 lawyers based in the US, Brussels, and London, Steptoe’s team handles the full range of antitrust matters with an emphasis on:

- Antitrust investigations and criminal prosecutions, in particular cartel defense
- Structuring and clearing mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures on a global basis
- Unilateral conduct and abuse of dominance investigations
- Civil antitrust litigation in the US and Europe – including class actions, opt-out litigation, and arbitration

Steptoe’s antitrust practice:

- Provides client-centric solutions to companies, helping them to identify areas of possible exposure and manage the risk of government investigations and private litigation
- Designs and conducts antitrust compliance programs tailored to the business needs of each client, including preparing antitrust guidelines, conducting antitrust audits and special investigations, and creating educational programs for corporate employees
- Advises on emerging antitrust issues stemming from e-commerce, Internet platforms, big data, and artificial intelligence
- Helps design strategic cooperation agreements and other business relationships with competitors, customers, and other industry participants in a compliant way
- Provides counseling at the intersection of intellectual property and antitrust laws, including in relation to copyright licensing, standard essential patents, and trademarks

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- Legal 500 EMEA, Competition, EU and Global (2018)
- Legal 500 EMEA, Competition, Belgium (2011-2016)
- Global Competition Review, Antitrust, DC (2015)
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- Defense of a leading airline in a multi-national price-fixing investigation; US, EU, and Swiss authorities.
- A leading defense contractor in opposing a merger before Canadian and EU agencies (as well as US agencies).
- A leading US electric utility in its acquisition of a major UK utility.
- Defense of a US chemical company's joint venture and technology license with a European firm (European Commission investigation).
- A US chemical company in the sale of its polyether polyols business to a German firm and a propylene oxide joint venture with the same firm—European Commission investigation.
- A telecommunications company in connection with acquisitions and marketing ventures with significant European components.
- A major US air transportation company in its acquisition of retail outlets worldwide—merger reviews in numerous countries, including the second-ever filing in People's Republic of China.
- A major biotechnology-based pharmaceutical company in the potential acquisition of a European-based pharmaceutical company; EU and member state competition regimes.
- A major US electronics manufacturer in a French price-fixing investigation; working closely with local French competition law experts.
- A major US chemical company in its proposed acquisition of a European competitor; merger reviews in several European countries.
- Leading agricultural company in EU investigations related to food additives.
- A major travel reservations system in its defense of coordinated investigations by US and EU authorities; the first referral of a civil investigation by the United States to the European Commission.

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