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Mr. Delrahim is a Shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck and a member of the Litigation and Government Relations groups. Working in both the firm's Washington, D.C., and Orange County offices, Mr. Delrahim's practice focuses on antitrust, public policy, intellectual property and international trade. He is a frequent commentator and author on competition law and intellectual property issues.

Mr. Delrahim is the former Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice Antitrust Division, appointed by President George W. Bush in July 2003. He also served as a member of the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Intellectual Property. His principal responsibilities included serving as the administration's point person on international antitrust issues. In addition, Mr. Delrahim oversaw the Antitrust Division's appellate litigation and policy development. During his tenure at the Department of Justice, he played key roles in the Department's enforcement and policy development on emerging matters at the intersection of antitrust and intellectual property. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Merger Working Group of the International Competition Network (ICN), an organization of antitrust authorities whose goal is to advance global coordination and cooperation of competition law enforcement activities.

In 2003 and again in 2005, Mr. Delrahim was appointed by the Senate Majority Leader as a commissioner on the U.S. Antitrust Modernization Commission. The Commission was created by Congress to perform a comprehensive evaluation of antitrust laws, report to Congress and the President on its findings, and make policy and legislative recommendations.

Prior to his service at the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Delrahim served as staff director and chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee, working as the principal legal and policy advisor on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction for then-Chairman Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT). His accomplishments include historic legislation in the areas of bankruptcy, class action litigation and patent law reform, various copyright legislation as well as the USA Patriot Act. He was also the principal staff architect of landmark asbestos litigation reform legislation.

Mr. Delrahim has also served at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, working on intellectual property matters, and at the National Institutes of Health's Office of Technology Transfers. Previously, Mr. Delrahim practiced law at the Washington, D.C., office of Patton Boggs.

Publications & Presentations

"Is Private Equity on Steroids?," *The Deal*, September 28, 2007

"Oversight and Overwork: What the Change in Control of Congress Means for Antitrust Enforcement and Policy," *Antitrust*

"Shareholder Makan Delrahim played a key role in preventing automatic injunctions in patent infringement cases.," *The Hill*

Practice

- Antitrust
- Competition Policy & Corporate Mergers
- Congressional Oversight & Investigations
- Financial Services
- Government Relations

Education

- M.S., 2002, Johns Hopkins University
- J.D., 1995, high honors, George Washington University Law School
- B.S., 1991, University of California, Los Angeles

Admitted

- California
- Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Co-Chair of Legislative Committee
- American Bar Association, Antitrust Section