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Mr. Robertson is the Chief Trial Counsel for the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission. Recently he led the litigation team in *FTC v. CCC Holdings, Inc.*, in which the United States District Court granted a preliminary injunction enjoining CCC's \$1.4 billion merger with Mitchell International Inc. The parties subsequently abandoned the merger. Mr. Robertson is currently lead counsel on several other competition matters before either the Commission or federal district courts.

From July 2002 through January 2004, Mr. Robertson served as the Senior Litigation Counsel for the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, Mr. Robertson was the lead trial counsel in the matter of *Chicago Bridge & Iron, N.V.*, the first post-closing merger challenge tried at the FTC in over a decade. Following a nearly three-month trial, the judge ordered full divestiture of the acquired company. Both the Commission and the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed. From October 2004 through January 2005, Mr. Robertson was the FTC's lead trial counsel in the matter of *Union Oil Co. of California*, a standard-setting case based on Unocal's alleged monopolization of the technology market for summertime, reformulated gasoline in California. While at the FTC, Mr. Robertson also participated in other competition matters involving the cruise-line, pharmaceutical, and computer industries.

After serving more than 10 years as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Robertson joined Kirkland & Ellis in 1990. Apart from his tenure at the FTC, he had been a partner at the firm from 1996 to 2008.

Mr. Robertson served as the Chair of the Antitrust Law Journal from 2004 to 2008 and is currently a member of the Council of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Robertson is a graduate of the Law School at the University of Chicago (J.D., 1990, with Honors; Order of the Coif; Topic & Comments Editor, Law Review) and of the Virginia Military Institute (B.A. 1977, with Distinction).