

M. Sean Royall, a Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher partner specializing in antitrust and commercial litigation, co-chairs the Firm's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice Group, and also actively participates in the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law and Intellectual Property Practice Groups.

Mr. Royall served as Deputy Director of the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, DC from 2001 through 2003 and played a key role in shaping and overseeing the agency's antitrust enforcement agenda, both in the merger and non-merger areas. While at the FTC, Mr. Royall acted as lead trial counsel in the agency's widely watched suit against computer chip designer Rambus Inc., a suit that involves patent-related monopolization claims. He also served as the lead lawyer in the agency's review of many high-profile mergers.

Mr. Royall has spent most of his legal career – both in and outside government -- litigating complex antitrust matters involving a diverse range of industries, including computers and computer software, semiconductors, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, petrochemicals, entertainment and ticketing, gaming equipment, pet foods, food and beverages, defense, airlines, financial services, telecommunications, and avionics. He has also litigated other complex commercial disputes involving contract, false advertising, business tort, and intellectual property claims.

In addition to his trial and appellate litigation practice, Mr. Royall regularly represents clients before the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice in antitrust and consumer protection matters; counsels firms on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, distribution arrangements, and intellectual property licenses; consults on advertising, consumer protection, and privacy/data security issues; and assists large corporations with legal compliance and records management issues.

Representative Matters

Lead counsel for Sanofi-Aventis in federal antitrust litigation with generic drug companies involving patent-related antitrust claims

Lead counsel for Biovail Corp. in federal and state antitrust class action lawsuits alleging patent-related monopolization and conspiracy claims

Lead counsel for Johnson & Johnson in nationwide federal court class action antitrust (monopolization) suits involving branded pharmaceutical Ditropan XL

Lead counsel for ValueClick in FTC consumer protection investigations involving e-commerce issues

Lead counsel for Fortune 50 company in multiple FTC consumer protection investigations involving online advertising, data security, and telemarketing issues

Lead antitrust counsel for Ticketmaster in DOJ investigation of proposed \$2.5 billion merger with Live Nation

Lead antitrust counsel for Watson Wyatt in DOJ investigation of \$3.5 billion proposed merger with Towers Perrin

Lead antitrust counsel for United Defense in DOJ investigation of BAe's \$4.2 billion acquisition of UDI

Lead antitrust counsel for Allergan in FTC investigation \$3.2 billion acquisition of Inamed Corp.

Lead antitrust counsel for BMC Software in Texas state court trade secret misappropriation and monopolization suit

Lead counsel for Phillips Petroleum in federal court antitrust class action involving allegations of unlawful salary information exchanges among competitors

Lead antitrust counsel for First Reserve Corp. and Dresser Inc. in DOJ investigation of Cooper-Cameron's \$225 million acquisition of the Dresser's Flow Control business unit

Lead antitrust counsel for St. Jude Medical in its \$272 million acquisition of Endocardial Solutions Inc.

Lead antitrust counsel for Paramount Petroleum in FTC investigation of Alon USA Energy, Inc.'s \$407 million acquisition of Paramount

Lead trial counsel for former Department of Justice official in civil lawsuit raising prosecutorial immunity issues