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Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2016 (cum laude; Georgetown Law Journal; Executive Editor, Forty-Fifth Annual Review of Criminal Procedure)

M.A., Georgetown University, 2013

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Ryan Travers represents clients in connection with a broad range of antitrust issues related to litigation, government investigations, grand jury subpoenas, and mergers and acquisitions. He has worked for clients in a diverse range of industries, including technology, travel, telecommunications and pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Travers has represented companies before federal courts and in civil and criminal investigations before the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC). He has advised on cases involving monopolization, price fixing, exclusionary conduct and other restraints of trade, as well as class actions. In recognition of his work, Mr. Travers was named one of *Best Lawyers*' 2024 Ones To Watch in America. Some of his recent experience includes representing:

- Sabre Corporation:
 - in a three-week jury trial victory in an action brought by US Airways alleging violations of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act. A jury found Sabre not liable on one claim and awarded \$1 in damages on the other claim
 - in connection with its acquisition of Farelogix, Inc., which involved a two-week bench trial victory in a lawsuit brought by the DOJ
- Actavis, Inc. and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. in litigations challenging patent settlement agreements
- a company in connection with a DOJ investigation into standard-setting organizations
- a company in connection with a grand jury subpoena
- a technology company in connection with discovery and witness testimony in *United States v. Google*
- Nokia in an antitrust challenge to its IP licensing practices
- a company in connection with an FTC investigation into its business practices

Mr. Travers also has represented clients in numerous acquisitions, including:

- Adobe Inc. in its proposed (but terminated) \$20 billion acquisition of Figma, Inc.
- Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. in its \$320 million acquisition of ViaCyte, Inc.
- Proofpoint, Inc. in its \$12.3 billion acquisition by private equity investment firm Thoma Bravo
- Visa Inc. in its proposed (but terminated) \$5.3 billion acquisition of Plaid Inc.
- Embraer S.A. in a proposed (but terminated) \$5.2 billion joint venture with The Boeing Company
- Cavium Inc. in its \$6 billion acquisition by Marvell Technology Group Ltd.
- NXP Semiconductors N.V. in its proposed (but terminated) \$47 billion acquisition by Qualcomm Inc.

Mr. Travers maintains a robust *pro bono* practice. He frequently represents clients in immigration proceedings and also has represented various *amici curiae* on briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and various U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal regarding criminal justice issues. He also represented a criminal defendant before the Maryland Court of Appeals, where he presented oral argument challenging the admission of rap lyrics during a criminal trial.