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## **United States:** Government Antitrust

The shape of the Washington, DC antitrust bar has clearly shifted over the past year as many top practices added or subtracted major names, going to and from government and rival firms. At some firms, a generational shift has clearly started, and practitioners here say it will shape the future of this leading antitrust bar.

## **Highly recommended**

Who's Who Legal nominee D Bruce Hoffman leads an impressive and growing antitrust group at Hunton & Williams in Washington. Hoffman is backed by a lean but impressive group of lawyers, including fellow Who's Who Legal entrant Ray V Hartwell III, litigator Wendell Taylor, and newly promoted partners Ryan Shores and Amanda Wait, who could be the youngest antitrust partner in the district. Former DoJ official Jamillia Ferris also joined the practice this year.

The team has taken on major work over the past year, including advising Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan in the DoJ's lawsuit challenging its most-favoured nations contracts with hospitals – a lawsuit that fell by the wayside after Michigan banned such clauses altogether. The team also advised Universal Music Group in its controversial deal with EMI, which was one of the most difficult and notable transactions last year. With such top-tier work, combined with the firm's considerable cartel portfolio for both companies and executives, the Hunton practice appears poised to leapfrog many of its rivals in the bar.

FIRM	HEAD(S) OF COMPETITION	SIZE	CLIENTS
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Hunton & Williams	D Bruce Hoffman	10 partners 3 of counsel 11 associates 1 senior counsel	Diageo, Chevron, Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan, Universal Music Group, Delhaize/Food Lion, Georgia-Pacific