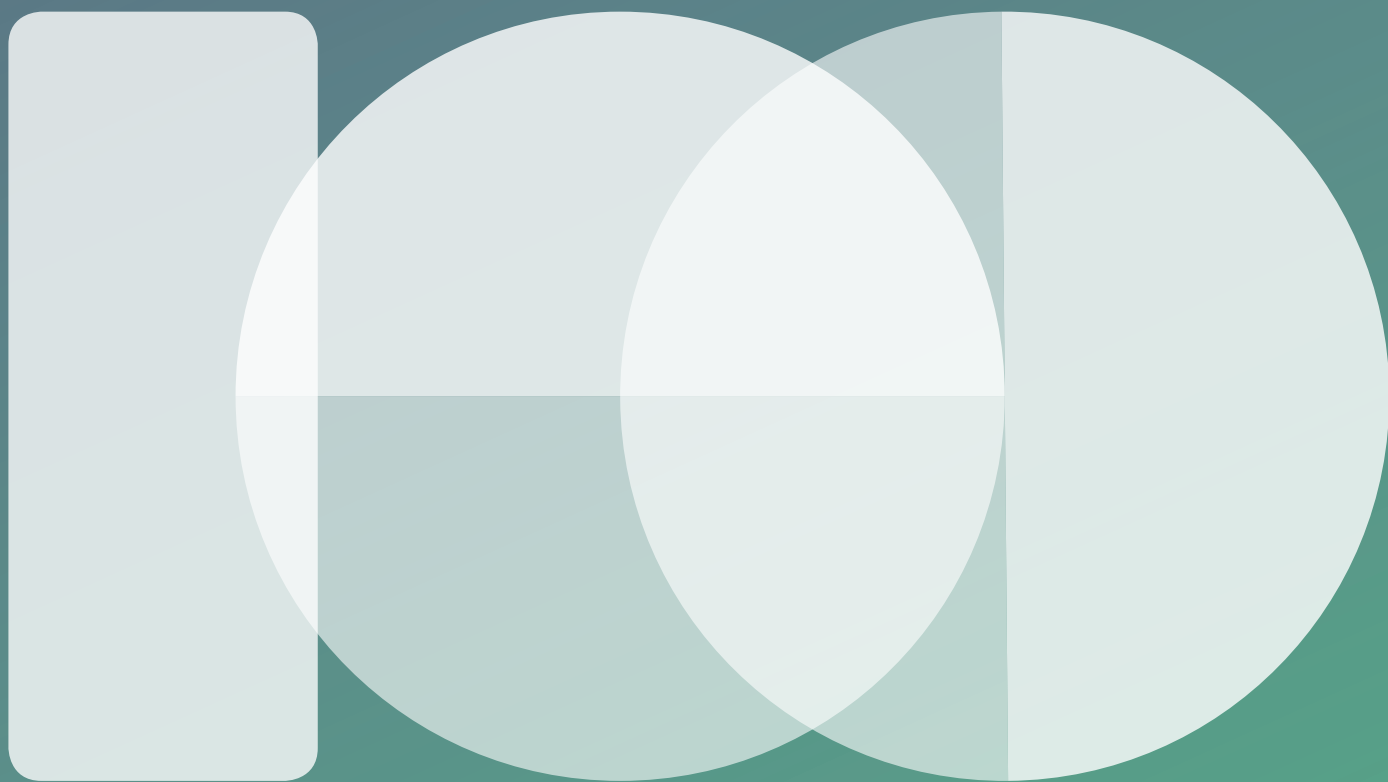


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GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW



**A GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S LEADING COMPETITION
LAW AND ECONOMICS PRACTICES**

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CANADA

It is a good time to be an antitrust lawyer in Canada. Or at least slightly better than in the past. After a few years of sluggish merger activity, companies are striking deals once again. Filings are up and active cartel enforcement from the Competition Bureau means firms are enjoying a steady flow of criminal and private class-action work

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In March 2013 Canadian business law firm Fraser Milner Casgrain combined with SNR Denton and Salans to form **DENTONS**, the world's seventh-largest law firm by headcount. For Sandy Walker, co-chair of the firm's competition and antitrust team in Canada, the merger has only bolstered an already strong practice. They now have the intellectual capital of lawyers in several world capitals to call on, and work is referred in and out of Canada. Patheon's US\$2.65 billion merger with Royal DSM's pharmaceuticals business is a case in point: Dentons was global counsel to Patheon, and Toronto counsel Susan Paul snagged the Canadian antitrust

work. The practice has a strong regulatory and compliance practice, especially in Western Canada where an oil and gas boom has brought Edmonton-based co-chair Barry Zalmanowitz QC a stream of work for some of the country's largest energy companies. Zalmanowitz is also a first-rate trial lawyer who successfully reversed an antitrust judgment against Husky Energy in the Alberta Court of Appeal last year. With the addition of former Heenan Blaikie litigator Adam Goodman as a partner in Toronto, the firm hopes to add class action strength too. Bayer, Berkshire Hathaway and capacitor defendant Matsuo Electric are all clients.

FIRM	HEAD(S) OF COMPETITION	SIZE	CLIENTS
RECOMMENDED			
Dentons	Sandy Walker Barry Zalmanowitz QC	6 partners 2 counsel 2 associates	Matsuo Electric Co, Berkshire Hathaway, Bayer, Husky Energy, National Oilwell Varco, Suncor Energy, Landmark Cinemas of Canada



CZECH REPUBLIC

In the face of an inactive enforcer, being a competition practitioner in the Czech Republic is not always the most fruitful occupation. These are the firms that are rising to the challenge

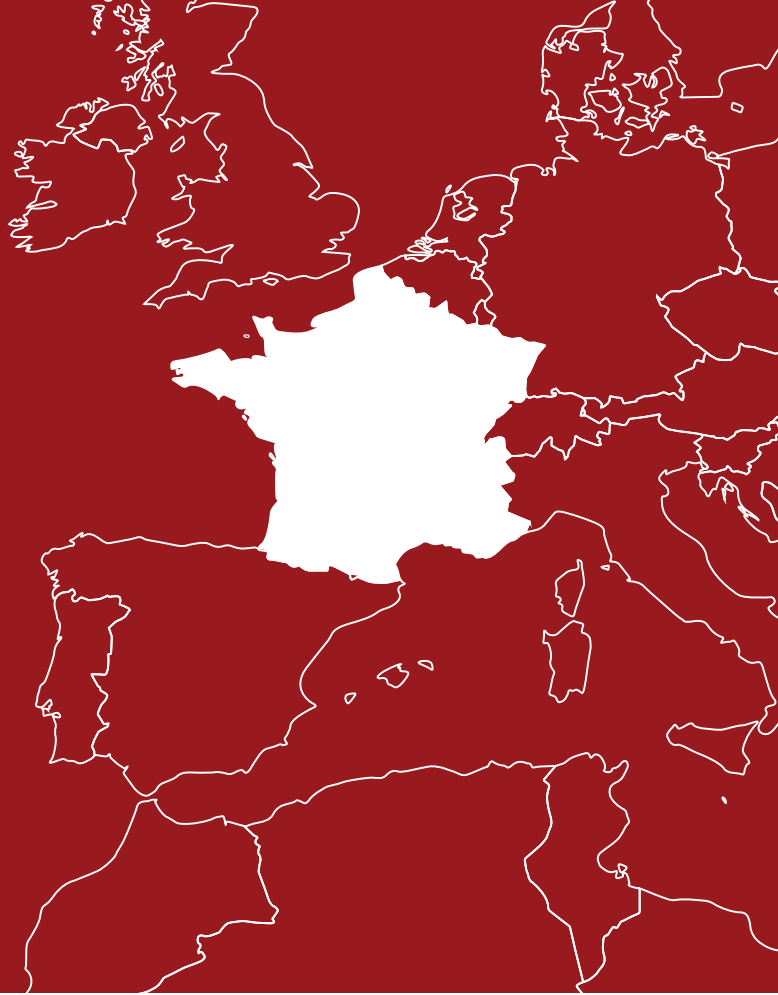
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Partner Tomáš Bílek leads the team at **DENTONS**, juggling competition work with his responsibilities on the corporate side. Senior associate Vladimíra Kubová handles the bulk of the antitrust cases, while senior counsel Petr Slach focuses on energy cases and counsel Marek Nosek on distribution and retail cases. The firm was known as Salans before merging with SNR Denton and Canadian firm Fraser Milner Casgrain in March 2013. While the practice in essence remains unchanged, Bílek says merger work has picked up, with the team receiving an increasing amount of referrals from the global network.

The firm is particularly active in the retail and energy sectors, and recently acted for an electricity company in a deal crossing the Czech and Slovak border. The team is acting for Areva in a challenge against its exclusion from the tender for the enlargement of a nuclear power plant – the matter has gone on for two-and-a-half years, including disputes before the Czech courts and competition office. Elsewhere, the firm is involved in restructuring the distribution system for pharmaceutical producer Merck Sharp Dohme. It also cooperates with the firm's Brussels office in assisting Gazprom in the European Commission's investigation of bid rigging in the energy market.

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Dentons	Tomáš Bílek Vladimíra Kubová	1 partner 1 senior counsel 1 counsel 1 senior associate	AREVA, Royal Canin, Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD), NAY, Carlsberg, Haemonetics, Takeda, Bracco, Nycomed, MOL Group

FRANCE



The work keeps coming thick and fast for France's competition lawyers as the country's competition authority continues to be an unrelenting pursuer of anti-competitive activity

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Emmanuelle van den Broucke leads the practice at **DENTONS** in Paris, which remains busy on many fronts. The firm is active in several ongoing antitrust investigations before the French Competition Authority in the food, retail and transport sectors. Van den Broucke has particular expertise in all competition issues regarding distribution agreements and networks, including

internet distribution. Dentons is also active in state aid matters, which include representing a client before the European Courts against a decision of the European Commission ordering the recovery of alleged state aid. The firm also advises beneficiaries in a formal investigation procedure relating to loans in the steel sector in Belgium.

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RECOMMENDED			
Dentons	Emmanuelle van den Broucke	1 partner 1 senior associate 1 associates	Chanel, Lactalis, Komatsu, United Biscuits, NMLK, Arkema, Sorin, TLF

GERMANY

Germany's Federal Cartel Office (FCO) is one of Europe's most active antitrust enforcers and the country is at the forefront of private litigation in the continent. Competition practices across Germany's large and geographically diverse bar continue to thrive

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DENTONS continues to go from strength to strength, says practice head and sole partner Jörg Karenfort. In August last year Fabian Stancke joined as of counsel in Berlin and the Germany team works closely with Dentons' wide European and global network. Gazprom continues to be the firm's most high-profile client, for whom Karenfort works extensively. It also provided merger advice

to Brink's on the sale of its German security transport business to Prosegur and Tipico on its purchase of sport betting licences in Germany. Furthermore, the firm represented the umbrella group of the federal banking associations regarding the FCO's investigation of debit card fees.

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Dentons	Jörg Karenfort	1 partner 1 of counsel 5 associates	Kabel BW, DSGVO, Johanniter, Sana Kliniken, Gazprom, Brink's EMEA, Tipico Co, BDE, federal associations of the German banking industry, Unity Media Kabel



POLAND

Despite the economic turmoil facing many of its neighbours, Poland has remained relatively buoyant in recent years. While merger control work is down, it is certainly not out; almost all firms have a regular turnover of deals and joint ventures, many of which involve other eastern European or Asian businesses

ELITE

Who's Who Legal nominee Agnieszka Stefanowicz-Barańska leads an impressive team at **DENTONS**, previously called Salans until the firms merged in March 2013. Her peers have long recognised her as a market leader, as signified by her years as chairperson of the Polish Competition Law Association. The group she heads handles a large amount of Polish and international work.

Upcoming amendments to the Polish Competition and Consumer Protection Act, which may introduce directors' personal liability for antitrust infringements, a two-phase merger control procedure and new leniency principles, make a long-term expert's advice particularly crucial. The firm is involved in multiple investigations brought by the authority, and represents telecoms company P4 over alleged complaints of discriminatory practices.

The practice also heavily supports its counterpart in Brussels in the European Commission's investigation of Gazprom; Stefanowicz-Barańska says the case requires significant central and eastern Europe expertise, which her practice offers.

Stefanowicz-Barańska continues to advise Carrefour in its long-running appeal against a 2006 decision fining the supermarket for allegedly contravening commitments placed on its takeover of Ahold. Her corporate colleagues helped the companies consummate the deal in 2007, but after a 2012 loss at the court of appeal, proceedings are pending before the Supreme Court. Merger work is still strong, including for Carrefour; it bought out the RAST supermarket chain in January 2014.

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ELITE			
Dentons	Agnieszka Stefanowicz-Barańska	1 partner 2 senior associates 2 associates	PSE, Fruktus, Carrefour, CH Robinson Europe, Kronopol, nc+



RUSSIA

A decade after the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) was established, Russia's competition bar is busy keeping up with the enforcer's increasing caseload. A majority of the firms profiled have expanded their competition practices since last year

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Marat Mouradov, head of **DENTONS'** Russian competition practice, is recognised in *Who's Who Legal* as one of Russia's best competition lawyers. He joined Salans in early 2012, and the following year the firm merged with SNR Denton and Fraser Milner Casgrain to form Dentons. The firm has a solid reputation, both among Russian companies and internationally, in part due to an unusually experienced Russian contingent in Dentons' Brussels competition practice led by managing partner Edward Borovikov. In Moscow, Mouradov works alongside one other partner, one of

counsel and six associates. In St Petersburg, meanwhile, there is a third partner and two more of counsel.

Dentons has a host of major cases under its belt, most of which it is unable to disclose. The team handles the full spectrum of behavioural matters, including DG Comp and FAS cartel investigations, vertical distribution agreements and exclusionary conduct, as well as state aid issues and merger review. The firm continue to advise clients Gazprom, Novolipetsk Steel, Consortium Russian Steel and Colgate Palmolive.

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED			
Dentons	Marat Mouradov	5 partners 4 counsel 9 associates	Gazprom, Novolipetsk Steel, Consortium Russian Steel, ETK, Colgate Palmolive, Acron Group



UNITED STATES: ILLINOIS

Chicago has a rich tradition of harbouring true antitrust law pioneers and a reputation as one of the practice's true homes. The city remains a major hub of antitrust law today. Its collection of bright and gritty antitrust litigators has few equals around the United States, and as the city's federal courts continue to collect major antitrust cases, work for those courtroom warriors continues apace

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When *GCR* last visited Chicago for our Illinois bar survey, **DENTONS** didn't exist. Now, after a series of mergers around the legal world, it has not only acquired Chicago-based antitrust expertise from former firms Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal and Howrey, but also gained a worldwide network of antitrust specialists through its mergers with Salans and Canada's Fasken Martineau. Partner Stephen Libowsky leads the practice from Chicago and is joined by partner and *Who's Who Legal* nominee Alan H Silberman and franchising and litigation specialist Robert King. Several other partners assist in the group, including Richard Fenton and Christopher King, who Libowsky describes as a "discovery maven".

Libowsky says the antitrust group routinely handles the three primary areas of antitrust work; mergers, litigation and government investigations. In court, Fenton and fellow Chicago litigator Mark Hanover from the Chicago office are representing longtime client Allstate in the auto body shop multi-district litigation. In deal work, the Chicago group is helping to advise Molex in its purchase by Koch Industries, which required filings in 11 jurisdictions around the world, and it is representing James Hardie in its joint ventures, acquisitions and other matters requiring antitrust advice. Silberman, meanwhile, advises on marketing and distribution arrangements for Purina, Pella Corp and others.

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Dentons	Stephen Libowsky	2 partners 1 counsel	Allstate, Molex, Purina, Pella Corp