

Matthew C. Hans

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Matthew Hans ensures that antitrust law does not prevent clients from achieving their strategic goals. He has won regulatory approval in numerous health care transactions on behalf of large non-profit health care systems, independent hospitals, physician groups and post-acute care and nursing facilities. His work frequently involves advocating for health care providers before the FTC, the DOJ Antitrust Division and state attorneys general. Matthew guides clients through the Hart-Scott-Rodino notification process, focusing on efficient preparation of the filing and avoiding second requests or further government inquiry. In addition to health care, Matthew represents and advises public and private companies, and private equity funds in the pharmaceutical, medical device, chemical and manufacturing industries.

Matthew is a seasoned litigator advocate, having successfully represented clients in state and federal court matters involving the Sherman Act and the Clayton Act in the health care and medical device industries. He has handled trials, appeals and alternative dispute resolution in a wide range of complex commercial and business litigation. Notably, Matthew headed a team that defeated a government enforcer's challenge to health care system's acquisition of a physician group under Section 7 of the Clayton Act.

He uses his broad experience to develop Compliance Programs and to provide guidance, helping clients avoid problems in numerous competition issues including joint ventures, restraints of trade, exclusive dealer relationships, pricing issues and other collaborations among competitors.

Education

- The Catholic University of America (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1999)
- Xavier University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1996)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 1999
- Illinois, 2010

Capabilities

- Antitrust
- Antitrust - Health Care
- Commercial Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions Litigation
- Litigation
- Post Chevron Educational Resources & Updates

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Memberships

- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- American Bar Association
 - Section of Antitrust Law
 - Health Care and Pharmaceuticals Committee
- American Health Law Association
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
 - Board of Directors, 2008 - present
 - Young Friends of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Co-founder
 - Volunteer Lawyers Program

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*[®] for:
 - Litigation - Antitrust, 2024-2026
 - Antitrust Law, 2023, 2025-2026
 - Commercial Litigation, 2022-2026
- Selected by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, Up and Coming Attorneys - Missouri, 2012
- FOCUS St. Louis selected Mr. Hans as a member of its 2010-2011 Leadership St. Louis Class
- Listed in Missouri and Kansas *Rising Stars*, 2009

Polsinelli at Work Blog

November 19, 2019

New DOJ Initiative Targets Public Procurement Crimes: Takeaways for Companies in the Public Procurement Space

Companies that bid on government contracts should take note of a new federal enforcement initiative. Earlier this month, the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division announced the formation of an interagency "Strike Force" dedicated to detecting and prosecuting "bid rigging"...

Publications

April 28, 2026

The Antitrust Scrutiny Continues: FTC Launches New Healthcare Task Force

March 4, 2026

DOJ Pays First \$1 Million Award Under New Antitrust Whistleblower Program

February 23, 2026

District Court Rejects FTC's Expanded HSR Rule, Leaving Merger Filings Uncertain

February 16, 2026

A Settlement, Not a Sigh of Relief: What the FTC's Express Scripts Deal Signals for Enforcement Risk

January 29, 2026

As States Expand Notice Requirements, Updated HSR Thresholds Remain Paramount

September 24, 2025

FTC Submits List of "Anticompetitive" Regulations in Response to Trump Deregulation Order

July 21, 2025

Whistle While You Work: DOJ Unveils First Antitrust Whistleblower Program

January 17, 2025

A Wait Until the Deal Closes: The Antitrust Agencies Send a Strong Message About the Dangers of Gun-Jumping

January 16, 2025

Annual Adjustment of HSR Thresholds Comes at a Time of Uncertainty

December 20, 2024

The Last Hurrah: Lina Khan and the FTC's Final Push for Substantive Antitrust Policy and Enforcement Changes

October 11, 2024

The Long Awaited HSR Form and Rules Are Here, and They're not as Burdensome as Feared

May 2024

Uncertainty in the Bottom Line: New Antitrust Scrutiny and Enforcement in Private Equity Transactions

Co-Author, CPI Antitrust Chronicle

March 7, 2024

FTC and DOJ Signal Greatly Increased Scrutiny of Private Equity Firms' Acquisitions in Health Care

January 25, 2024

It's That Time of Year: Announcement of the New Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Filing Thresholds

December 22, 2023

Newly Finalized FTC/DOJ Merger Guidelines Are Likely to Increase Antitrust Scrutiny of M&A Deals

Health Care and Private Equity Transactions May See Significant Impact

August 4, 2023

Dealmakers Beware: The Biden Administration's Proposed Merger Guidelines Suggest That the Only "Good" Deal May Be No Deal at All

July 6, 2023

Proposed Changes to HSR Process Could Quadruple the Burden of Making Premerger Notification to Antitrust Enforcement Agencies

February 16, 2023

No More Safety Net: The Justice Department Withdraws Key Antitrust Guidance for the Healthcare Industry

February 1, 2023

The New Hart-Scott-Rodino Magic Number is \$111.4 million, and Big Changes in HSR Filing Fees

January 3, 2023

New Federal Laws Will Yield Big Increases in HSR Filing Fees for Large M&A Transactions, While Adding Foreign Subsidy Disclosure Obligations

November 3, 2022

Promise Made, Promise Kept: The Justice Department Follows Through With Interlocking Directorate Enforcement

June 8, 2022

Clients Should Review Their Corporate Governance Compliance Guidelines in Light of Threatened Enforcement Action Against Interlocking Directorates