

2022 NLJ Awards: Professional Excellence

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■ **What was the biggest challenge you faced in the past year and how did you adjust to it?**

More than ever before, we are seeing issues arise simultaneously with Congress, state attorneys general, regulatory agencies, the executive branch, and—of course—the press. This has given us the opportunity to think creatively about strategies for clients, but has also required us to put together cross-functional teams, often supported by communications and government affairs consultants, faster than ever—and then work together seamlessly from day 1.

■ **What is a significant case you have handled in the past year and how did it stand out?** We advised a client on developing a holistic strategy for responding to a high-profile issue that directly impacted American families and implicated antitrust/competition and inflation/supply chain issues. This required preparing for congressional testimony, responding to information requests, providing congressional briefings, briefing the White House, and advising on a communications strategy. The client successfully conveyed their story in these various fora, and we appreciate their trust in allowing us to assist them with this challenging issue.



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■ **What makes your firm stand out in this practice area?** As one of the firms with the earliest formation of a specialized congressional investigations group—separate from a government investigations practice—we developed the playbook for helping clients navigate Washington and implement holistic strategies for responding to multiforum crises. Our bipartisan team has deep ties to both sides of the aisle, and we pair this experience with cross-industry regulatory counseling expertise. This combination of expertise and experience, along with our global strategy perspective, sets us apart from newer entrants to this field.