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Attorney of the Year 2012: Heather Tewksbury

Federal prosecutor Heather Tewksbury sometimes jokes that she has three children — a 2-year-old, a 5-year-old and the criminal price-fixing case she began working on six years ago. As a trial attorney in the San Francisco field office of the Antitrust Division, Tewksbury saw her career baby grow up in 2012 with the conviction and sentencing of AU Optronics Corp. for its role in a global conspiracy to fix prices for liquid crystal display, or LCD, screens. The $500 million fine imposed on the Taiwanese electronics manufacturer not only matches the largest penalty ever in a criminal antitrust case, it was also levied under a damages theory never before tested at trial. Meanwhile, two AUO executives were sentenced to three-year prison terms. Tewksbury is the only lawyer still with the DOJ who worked on the case prior to indictment through sentencing. (The office's assistant chief, Peter Huston, led the trial team.) The eight-week trial in early 2012 was both complicated and tedious — with much of the testimony coming from foreign witnesses and requiring English translation. It marked just the second trial of Tewksbury's career, while venerable antitrust and white-collar practitioners sat at the defense table.

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