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## ANTITRUST UPDATE

### WCP Antitrust Lawyers Participate in Recent ABA Programs

**E**ight members of WCP's global Antitrust & Competition Practice Group participated in programs last week sponsored by the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law and Business Law Section.

Six WCP lawyers participated in programs at the ABA Section of Antitrust Law's 51st Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. last week:

**Lee Greenfield** participated in the Corporate Counseling Committee's program entitled "Hot Topics for the In-House Counselor." Lee discussed the implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for antitrust lawyers and enforcement.

**Veronica Kayne** participated in the Trade Associations Committee's program entitled "Ethical and Practical Challenges Representing Trade Associations and Their Members."

**Bill Kolasky** participated in the Antitrust Remedies Forum sponsored by the Section of Antitrust Law during the Spring Meeting.

**Jim Lowe** co-chaired and moderated a plenary panel entitled, "Parallel Criminal and Civil Proceedings in Conspiracy Cases: Opportunities, Problems & Pitfalls," that explored the complex and practical issues, both domestic and international, created by parallel antitrust proceedings.

**Doug Melamed** participated in the Chair's Showcase program entitled, "Just When Do Horizontal Agreements Restrain Trade?" which discussed the U.S. Supreme Court's application of the *per se* rule.

**Chuck Stark** participated in a plenary panel entitled, "Dominant Firms Under US and EU Competition Law: Convergence or Divergence?" that discussed special restrictions and obligations placed on dominant firms by laws on both sides of the Atlantic.

Three WCP antitrust and competition lawyers participated this past weekend in the ABA Business Law Section meeting in Los Angeles.

**Robert Bell** described how to avoid a Second Request on a panel entitled, "Second Requests: Avoiding, Complying and Everything in Between."

**Veronica Kayne** chaired and moderated the same panel on which Robert Bell participated; the panel generally discussed the costly and potentially counter-productive use of the civil litigation model in merger investigations.

**John Ratliff** discussed European merger control requirements where a US public company offers stock and cash consideration for acquisition of a European company at a panel entitled, "The Acquisition of a European Company by a United States Buyer - What Every M&A Lawyer Should Know About EC Merger Control."

In addition to these appearances, WCP's Antitrust & Competition Practice Group again sponsored a lunch during the Section of Antitrust Law's Spring Meeting for colleagues, clients, and officials of antitrust and competition enforcement agencies around the world. This year's speaker was Margaret Bloom, Director of Competition Enforcement of the Office of Fair Trading in the United Kingdom.