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Steven F. Cherry has almost 30 years of experience in representing companies and individuals in antitrust investigations by the US Department of Justice, investigations by state attorneys general, and civil litigation, including class actions. He also has worked closely with local counsel in representing clients before antitrust agencies around the world. According to *Chambers USA*, he is widely recognized by his peers as “an exceptional lawyer” and “phenomenal practitioner” and “unquestionably the best antitrust lawyer in town,” who “commands huge respect in the antitrust area and is particularly noted for his experience in international cartel and grand jury investigations.”

Professional Activities

Mr. Cherry is the author of numerous publications (including an upcoming book on cartel enforcement and litigation), and has spoken at bar events, private industry and other seminars, on cartel investigations and litigation, class actions and arbitration.

Solutions

Antitrust and Competition

Antitrust Litigation

Government and Regulatory
Litigation

Litigation

Class Actions

Experience

– **ANTITRUST INVESTIGATIONS**

Mr. Cherry has been featured in various articles for his work on some of the largest and most complex antitrust investigations and litigations in history, including Auto Parts and TFT-LCD Flat Panels.

– **INVESTIGATIONS**

Lead counsel in defense of numerous international cartel investigations involving various industries, including Auto Parts, Container Shipping, Vehicle Carrier (Ro-Ro) Shipping, Freight Forwarding, TFT-LCD Flat Panels, Flash Memory, Parcel Tanker Shipping Services, various chemicals, prescription drugs, financial services, and other products and services—including defense of Antitrust Division investigations, state attorneys general investigations, and coordination of foreign proceedings.

– **CLASS ACTIONS**

Lead counsel in defense of numerous class actions, including those involving antitrust and other competition-related claims. Has defeated numerous class actions, including following evidentiary hearings. Won landmark Second Circuit ruling in Parcel Tanker Shipping case, requiring arbitration of direct purchaser claims, and subsequently won landmark US Supreme Court ruling rejecting class arbitration where the contracts were silent on class arbitration.

– **OTHER LITIGATION**

- Defended (and in other cases prosecuted) numerous business disputes, including disputes based on monopolization, predatory pricing, tying and other antitrust claims.
- Defended plan fiduciaries and investment firms in multi-million dollar ERISA cases.
- Defended natural gas company in corporate-control litigation involving claims in excess of \$2 billion arising out of failed merger.
- Defended private equity firm in arbitration of \$100 million plus contract dispute with former partner.
- Represented managed care organization in arbitration of \$45 million contract dispute against pharmacy benefits management firm.
- Defended former bank chairman and CEO in arbitration of \$30 million dispute with former executive involving fraud and other claims.
- Represented European distributor of healthcare products in multi-million dollar litigation against US manufacturer.

Recognition

- Awarded *Global Competition Review's* 2017 award for Litigation of the Year: Cartel Defense for class action defense of DENSO Corporation

- Recognized in the 2015–2019 editions of *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Antitrust and Cartel (Band 1)
- Named in the 2015–2018 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* nationwide and in the District of Columbia for Antitrust (Cartel) ("unquestionably the best antitrust lawyer in town," "reasonable, persuasive and practical," "exceptional," "phenomenal practitioner," "commands huge respect in the antitrust arena and is particularly noted for his experience in international cartel and grand jury investigations," "very talented, extremely smart, responsive and creative," "with a well-earned reputation for getting a very good resolution for his client")
- Recommended in the 2016–2018 editions of *The Legal 500 United States* for his antitrust cartel practice
- Named a 2015–2019 *Benchmark Litigation: National Litigation Star* and National Practice Area (Antitrust) Star
- *U.S. News* Media Group Ranking of Best Law Firms ("extremely smart and strategic," "outstanding expertise and superb skills," "highly dedicated," "best out of the best lawyers in this area")
- Selected to the 2019 Washington DC *Super Lawyers* list as a top-rated lawyer in business litigation

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, University of Michigan Law School, 1989

cum laude

Note Editor, Michigan Law Review

MPA, Indiana University, 1986

BS, Indiana State University, 1983

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

District of Columbia

Illinois

CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Robert R. Beezer,
US Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit, 1989 - 1990