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OVERVIEW

Ken Knox is counsel with the antitrust and trade regulation practice group. He represents companies and individuals in a variety of litigation support and e-discovery roles, focusing on the preparation and submission of Hart-Scott-Rodino filings and related activities.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS (HART-SCOTT-RODINO FILINGS)

Ken has almost 20 years of experience in preparing and submitting Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) filings on behalf of both Fortune 500 clients and smaller companies. He regularly advises clients on all aspects of HSR compliance, including submission requirements, exemptions, and filing strategies. He also has broad experience conducting foreign filings analyses for mergers and acquisitions with international components.

E-DISCOVERY AND LITIGATION

Ken has led some of the largest HSR Second Request document productions ever submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice and/or Federal Trade Commission, and has managed large teams of lawyers and staff working on a wide variety of discovery and litigation-related projects. His primary focus has been on e-discovery and document reviews in the areas of antitrust litigation, telecommunications, energy, healthcare, and white-collar crime. He helps oversee all phases of the discovery process including retention, custodian identification, privilege issues, collection and review, as well as post-production litigation support.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Ken supervised HSR Second Request document productions for several firms in the Washington, D.C. area. During law school, he worked as a summer intern for the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, assisting in the prosecution of arson and burn cases, as well as with the D.A.'s criminal mediation program. Prior to law school, he was a Computer Microsystems Specialist with the Bureau of Land Management.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Ken has lectured to national and regional conferences on the topics of e-discovery, document productions, and attorney-client privilege, and has provided workshops to clients on HSR compliance.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Howard University School of Law, 1995 (*cum laude*)
- B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1992
- B.B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1991

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Maryland
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 31 January 2024, FTC Announces New HSR Notification Thresholds and Filing Fees for 2024
- 28 June 2023, FTC and DOJ Propose Significant Changes to US Merger Review Process
- 26 January 2023 , Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds to Increase and Filing Fees to Change
- 5 January 2023, Hart-Scott-Rodino Filing Fees to Dramatically Increase for Larger Deals
- 2 February 2022, Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds to Increase
- 4 October 2021, FTC Increases Risk For Acquirers By Extending Time For Review Beyond the Hart-Scott Waiting Period
- 2 February 2021, Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds to Decrease
- 19 October 2020, Proposed Amendments to Hart-Scott-Rodino Act Regulations Could Dramatically Expand Filing Obligations of Investment Managers
- 30 April 2020, COVID-19: Proposed Legislation Would Prohibit Many Mergers and Acquisitions During Pandemic
- 16 March 2020, COVID-19: FTC's Premerger Notification Office Adopts Emergency E-Filing Procedures for HSR Filings

- 31 January 2020, Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds to Increase
- 4 December 2019, Proposed Amendments to Hart-Scott-Rodino Act Regulations May Affect Domestic Managers of Foreign Investment Funds
- 6 March 2019, Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds to Increase
- 01 February 2018, Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification Thresholds to Increase
- 12 April 2016, Activist Funds Should Heed the Latest Enforcement of the HSR Act
- 21 January 2016, Hart-Scott-Rodino Thresholds to Increase

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Acquiring an AI Company," *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*, January 2024
- "U.S. Antitrust Agencies Propose Significant Changes to Premerger Notification Requirements," *Reuters*, 30 June 2023
- "Extension Of The HSR Waiting Period Increases Acquirer Risk," *Law360*, 15 October 2021

NEWS & EVENTS

- 9 May 2023, K&L Gates Advises SPX Technologies on Agreement to Purchase Electrical Heating Solutions Leader
- 13 December 2021, K&L Gates Advises DDW The Color House on its Sale to Givaudan
- 13 July 2021, K&L Gates Launches Expanded Guidebook on Doing Business in the United States
- 11 June 2021, K&L Gates Advises SPX Corporation on Agreement to Sell SPX Transformer Solutions to GE-Prolec Transformers
- 4 December 2020, K&L Gates Again Advises Red Ventures on Pending Sale of CNET Content Services to 1WorldSync
- 3 November 2020, K&L Gates Advises Digital Education Curriculum Provider Discovery Education on Acquisition of Mystery Science
- 18 September 2020, K&L Gates Advises Red Ventures on USD \$500 Million Acquisition of CNET Media Group from ViacomCBS
- 17 August 2020, K&L Gates Advises Tokyo Gas America on Two Acquisitions
- 27 August 2019, K&L Gates Advises Kaman Corporation on \$700 Million Sale of Distribution Segment
- 29 April 2019, K&L Gates Cross-Platform Team Advises LG Household & Healthcare Company in Acquisition Agreement with New Avon LLC

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation
- Commercial Disputes
- E-Discovery Analysis and Technology (e-DAT)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representing a pharmaceutical company before the Federal Trade Commission regarding an investigation into the proposed acquisition of a generic pharma manufacturer.
- Advising Asian cosmetics company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising Canadian paper products company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising Australian pharmaceuticals company on proposed joint venture
- Advising EU financial services company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Representing an investment banker before the Federal Trade Commission regarding an investigation into a previously-divested company in the healthcare industry.
- Advising Asian electronics manufacturing company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising EU geospatial products company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Representing a major automotive parts distribution company before the Federal Trade Commission regarding an investigation into the proposed acquisition of a competitor.
- Representing a large power company before the Department of Justice regarding an investigation into the divestiture of its power generation assets.
- Advising Australian pharmaceuticals company on proposed licensing, acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising U.S. X-Ray and imaging machine manufacturer on proposed acquisitions and divestitures
- Advising U.S. telecommunications company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures
- Representing a roofing products manufacturer before the Department of Justice regarding an investigation into alleged anticompetitive activities in the construction industry
- Advising EU pharmaceuticals company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising U.S. auto services company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures
- Advising Canadian plastic pipe and tubing manufacturer on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising EU energy company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising Canadian energy company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.

- Advising state-owned investment fund on the antitrust aspects of planned acquisitions and investments
- Advising a large municipality on potential antitrust issues regarding the sale of its city-owned power utility.
- Advising U.S. cosmetics company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising Asian chemicals company on proposed joint venture
- Advising Asian state-owned entity on proposed acquisitions and divestitures in the U.S.
- Advising U.S. aerospace company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures
- Advising U.S. health and hospital services company on proposed acquisitions and divestitures
- Advising private investment fund on the antitrust aspects of planned acquisitions and investments
- Representing one of the nation's largest waste management companies before the Department of Justice regarding an investigation into the proposed acquisition of a competitor.
- Representing a major airline before the Department of Justice regarding an investigation into the proposed acquisition of a competing airline