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BIOGRAPHY

Emilee Hargis focuses her practice on antitrust and trade regulation. She regularly guides clients through the antitrust aspects of transactions, including Hart-Scott-Rodino Act filings, clean team arrangements, and merger investigations. Emilee also counsels clients on day-to-day compliance with federal and state laws regarding pricing, joint ventures, information exchange, and other competition-related issues. She assists clients with developing functional and practical compliance programs and implementing those compliance programs through interactive trainings.

Emilee's counseling work is bolstered by her experience working with clients to respond to governmental investigations, third-party subpoenas, and litigation. She regularly works with clients to understand the facts of each case and implement a strategy for responding efficiently and effectively to the investigation or litigation. Emilee has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in complex antitrust litigations, working with economic experts to build a compelling case.

Emilee's antitrust work spans a variety of industries, including agriculture, consumer products, construction, distribution services, financial services, and information management.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Girls on the Run, Young Professionals' Board, 2017 – 2022
- Girls on the Run, Practice Partner, 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association - Antitrust Law Section
- Women's White Collar Defense Association – St. Louis Chapter
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2017
- Missouri, 2016
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis, J.D., magna cum laude, 2016

Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. and B.A., summa cum laude, 2013

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Investigations
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory

- Food & Agribusiness
- Agribusiness
- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Healthcare & Life Sciences

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, Missouri chapter of ABA State Antitrust Practice and Statutes treatise, Forthcoming 2022

RELATED INSIGHTS

Insights

Jan 17, 2025

Disconnecting Companies: DOJ and FTC Push for Broader Interlocking Directorate Liability

News

Jan 15, 2025

BCLP advises Vantiva in the sale of its Supply Chain Solutions business to Variant Equity Advisors

Insights

Jan 14, 2025

FTC Announces 2025 HSR Act Thresholds and Filing Fee Schedule

The Federal Trade Commission announced the annual revised thresholds for merger notifications under the Hart Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (“HSR Act”). The thresholds are revised annually based on changes in U.S. gross national product. The FTC also issued its annual revision of the HSR filing fee schedule. The new thresholds (“2025 Thresholds”) will become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Therefore, if publication occurs this week, the 2025 Thresholds will become effective in mid-February and be in effect until the next annual adjustment in January 2026.

Insights

Jan 10, 2025

FTC Secures Record-Breaking Gun-Jumping Fine, Opines on Buyer’s Right to Approve Transactions and Lack of Diligence Controls

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) sent a firm message—unlawful coordination of merging businesses prior to the closing under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements (“HSR”) Act will be aggressively enforced. On January 7, 2025, the federal agency secured a record-breaking \$5.684 million fine from three oil companies for

unlawful coordination—also known as “gun jumping”—in violation of the HSR Act’s mandatory waiting period. The proposed final order, if entered, orders each of the buy side and the sell side to be fined \$2.842 million, the largest total gun-jumping penalty in U.S. history.

Insights

Dec 30, 2024

One More for the Road: FTC files price discrimination suit against beverage company in final weeks of Biden administration

Blog Post

Dec 16, 2024

Trump Controlling the FTC? Picks for FTC Chair and FTC Commissioner Signal Significant Changes

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Dec 09, 2024

President-elect Trump’s Pick to Lead DOJ’s Antitrust Division Signals Continued Aggressive Big Tech and Agriculture Enforcement

Insights

Oct 23, 2024

The FTC and State Case Against Amazon Highlights Risks and Impacts from Using Pricing Algorithms

Both the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division have focused their sights on big technology companies. Understanding the precedents set by these suits is critical for clients operating in today’s online marketplaces, both to avoid the risk of antitrust investigations or litigation, and to understand whether a client has been harmed by potentially unlawful conduct. A September 30, 2024 decision by Judge Chun in the Western District of Washington in the *FTC v. Amazon.com* case—unsealed to the public on October 7, 2024—demonstrates the increasing breadth of the agencies’ antitrust theories and the wide impacts of Amazon’s sprawling pricing algorithms.*

Insights

Oct 21, 2024

FTC Announces New Premerger Notification Form

On October 10, 2024, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), with the concurrence of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, (the “DOJ”, and together, the “Agencies”) voted unanimously to adopt new premerger notification rules (the “Final Rule”) that implement the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the “HSR Act”). The Agencies had previously announced proposed amendments on June 27, 2023, which we covered in a previous insight. The Final Rule reflects numerous changes made during a lengthy review and comment period, including a thorough revamping of the Premerger Notification and Report Form (the “New Form”) that parties are each required to complete if their transaction is reportable under the HSR Act.