

→ Private Civil Antitrust Litigation

Under both state and federal antitrust laws, private parties can bring antitrust claims seeking treble damages, injunctive relief and recovery of attorneys' fees. Such lawsuits may assert a variety of antitrust violations such as price fixing, price discrimination, distribution restraints, monopolization and the like. Sheppard Mullin typically represents defendants in such actions, although we sometimes prosecute such matters.

We currently represent various defendants in many of the most significant antitrust class actions in the country. These include actions relating to vitamins, wholesale electricity, Dynamic Random Access Memory ("DRAM") and cosmetics. In addition, we have recently defended—and prosecuted—monopolization and merger cases representing clients in industries ranging from sports to newspapers. Our attorneys have also successfully tried numerous major antitrust cases.