

**Jeremy A. Rist | Partner**

Business Litigation

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Jeremy Rist has more than 15 years of experience practicing antitrust law, including representing clients before the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), state regulators and attorneys general, and in courtrooms across the country. His practice includes:

- obtaining clearance of mergers and acquisitions from the FTC and DOJ
- representing clients in FTC and DOJ investigations regarding trade practices and other commercial activities
- representing clients in civil antitrust litigation, both as plaintiffs and as defendants

Jeremy also has a robust practice counseling clients in the antitrust aspects of ordinary course commercial activity, including settlements, joint ventures, resale pricing policies, joint development agreements, distribution agreements, licensing arrangements, and the exchange of information among competitors and within trade associations.

Jeremy also represents clients in complex civil litigation, principally disputes related to mergers & acquisitions, and commercial disputes implicating constitutional issues.

Jeremy also serves as Deputy General Counsel of Blank Rome LLP, in which he advises the Firm’s management and more than 600 lawyers on issues related to professional responsibility, risk management, regulatory compliance, and legal issues involving the Firm.

Following graduation from law school, Jeremy served as a law clerk for the

Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Jeremy is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

## Outside The Firm

Jeremy lives in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, with his wife Patricia, a pediatric dentist, and their two young children.

## Select Engagements

- Breakthru Beverage Group, a national distributor of alcoholic beverages, in connection with multiple horizontal merger and acquisition transactions.
- Defended a European sensor manufacturer in post-closing merger investigation by the DOJ and negotiated limited divestiture remedy.
- Obtained clearance from the FTC for Original Philly Holdings, Inc.'s acquisition by Tyson Foods.
- Coordinated international competition-related advice from attorneys in various jurisdictions in \$900 million cross-border transaction.
- Defended pharmaceutical companies in various investigations by the FTC into acquisitions and commercial trade practices.
- Represented buyers of assets in FTC and DOJ divestiture proceedings.
- Designed and implemented resale price and minimum advertised price policies for clients in various consumer products and industrial products industries.
- Regular transactional antitrust advice to clients in the consumer products, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, transportation, banking, healthcare, medical products, marine transport, electrical cable, steelmaking, and publishing industries.
- Represented defendants in antitrust, RICO, and securities class actions in chemicals, banking, pharmaceuticals, and air transit industries.
- Defended \$400 million breach of contract and tort action related to a joint venture in the phosphorus industry.
- On behalf of a consortium of builders, brought due process challenge to city licensing and inspection practices; settlement included termination of entire licensing and inspection staff and adoption of new building code.
- Represented a court reporting agency in federal court action challenging the constitutionality of Arizona regulations governing court reporters; Supreme Court of Arizona abandoned regulations.
- Defended the economic development board of a major American city against an action by city council challenging award of busing contract on state constitution separation of powers grounds.
- Defended several clients against multimillion dollar claims by the Estate in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy.

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States

## **Memberships**

- American Economics Association
- American Law and Economics Association

## **Education**

- College of William & Mary, BA, summa cum laude
- Harvard Law School, JD, cum laude

## **Professional Activities**

- American Bar Association (Antitrust Section)
- American Economics Association
- American Law & Economics Association
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association