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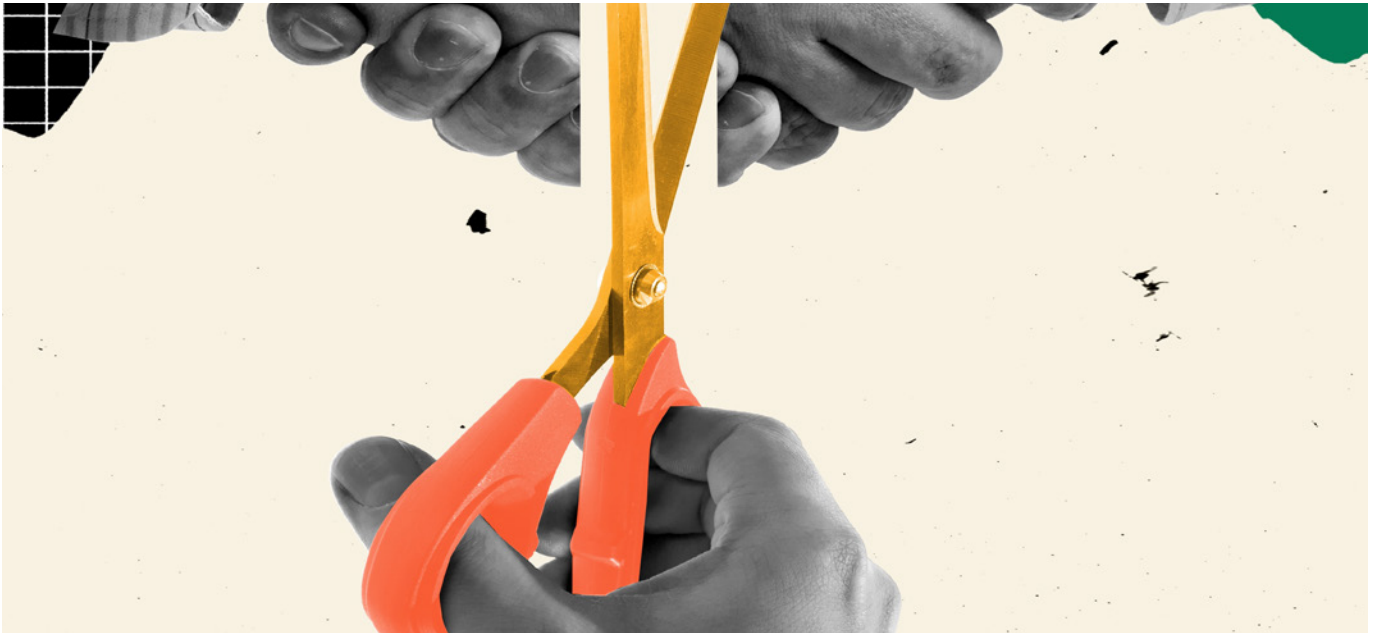
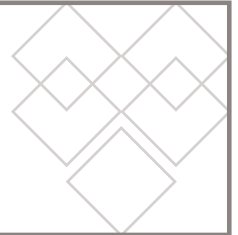
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Nate Asker is a partner in Davis Polk's antitrust and competition practice. He advises a wide range of clients on antitrust aspects of mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, as well as on other government investigations and compliance matters. He advises public companies and private equity firms and their portfolio companies across industries including technology and software, consumer products, aerospace and defence, industrials, pharmaceuticals and financial services. He also regularly represents clients before the DOJ and FTC in obtaining antitrust approvals for their most critical strategic transactions and in other investigations.

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Q&A WITH NATE ASKER

**Could you describe your approach to tackling complex legal challenges?
What principles or philosophies guide your work?**

◆ At Davis Polk, we are fortunate to be entrusted with some of our clients' most complex and transformative M&A transactions. That is a real privilege, and our approach is to immerse ourselves in each client's business and industry, evaluate antitrust risk anchored in that deep factual knowledge and calibrated to the ever-changing regulatory environment, and develop clear, actionable strategies to help our clients achieve their goals.

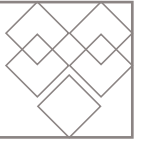
What qualities and values do you believe are essential for building strong, trusting relationships with clients?

◆ Clients notice when advisers invest the time and effort to truly understand their business, industry and organisational dynamics. That understanding is fundamental to serving clients well and building long term, trusted relationships. When working on mission-critical matters for clients, we seek to be highly responsive and cut through complexity to provide clear, practical advice.

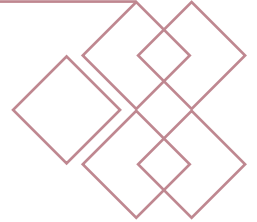


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How do you stay ahead in your field? Are there any emerging trends or innovations you are particularly excited about in your area of expertise?



◆ The regulatory environment has always been evolving, but the pace and scope of that change has increased significantly over the last several years. Staying ahead requires understanding what is top of mind for agency leadership and anticipating what may come next. This is a collaborative effort, and we are fortunate to have a tremendous team of antitrust lawyers at Davis Polk contributing to that work. ■

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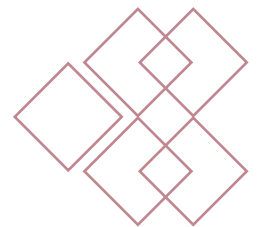
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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Advised Ferrero Group on its \$3.1bn acquisition of WK Kellogg.
- ◆ Advised HNI on its \$2.2bn acquisition of Steelcase.
- ◆ Advised Advanced Drainage Systems on its \$1bn acquisition of National Diversified Sales.
- ◆ Advised Goldman Sachs on its \$9.5bn sale of Boyd Thermal and related business separations.
- ◆ Advised VF Corporation on its \$600m sale of the Dickies brand to Bluestar Alliance LLC.
- ◆ Advised Leidos on its \$2.4bn acquisition of ENTRUST Solutions Group.
- ◆ Advised TPG on its \$2.2bn acquisition of AvidXchange Holdings, Inc.



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