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Antitrust Advantage

TOP FTC OFFICIAL JOINS MORGAN LEWIS; KEY PLAYER ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/ANTITRUST ISSUES VITAL TO NEW ECONOMY

Washington, D.C., June 26, 2000 — Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP today announced that [Willard K. Tom](#), 47, who recently served as Deputy Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition, has joined the firm as a partner in the Antitrust Practice Group, resident in the Washington, D.C., office. Tom's FTC responsibilities included antitrust enforcement and merger review in numerous areas, including intellectual property and healthcare. He had key roles in the Intel Corporation monopolization case and in negotiating the Time Warner Inc. consent decree, as well as many other enforcement matters and policy initiatives. Tom joined the FTC in 1995, as Assistant Director for Policy and Evaluation in the Bureau of Competition.

Antitrust issues are increasingly affecting all technology and e-commerce matters, from hand-held computers to Internet business-to-business joint ventures. For Morgan Lewis, Tom provides an important link among the firm's premier Antitrust, Intellectual Property, and Business and Finance practices. The firm's clients can benefit from having a lawyer on their team who has been a prime government player in both the antitrust and intellectual property arenas.

Prior to the FTC, Tom served for two years as Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, dealing principally with intellectual property and telecommunications matters. As a member of the Division's Intellectual Property Task Force, he helped draft the joint DOJ-FTC Antitrust Guidelines for the Licensing of Intellectual Property. He has spoken and written widely on this topic.

Before his senior positions at DOJ and the FTC, Tom was in private practice, where he was primarily involved in antitrust and trade regulation litigation on the trial and appellate levels. While in private practice, his antitrust litigation experience included a significant victory over IBM Corporation in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and arguing in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the defendants in *FTC v. Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association*.

Tom received his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Harvard College in 1975, and his law degree, cum laude, in 1979 from Harvard Law School.

"We are quite pleased and honored to have attracted an antitrust lawyer of Will Tom's caliber. He will add significantly to our existing strengths in antitrust, intellectual property and transactional areas," says firm chairman Francis M. Milone. "We have a long history of attracting senior, nationally-recognized officials to our widely respected Antitrust Practice such as John H. Shenefield from the Department of Justice and Caswell O. Hobbs III from the Federal Trade Commission."

The firm's Antitrust Practice manager Stephen Paul Mahinka adds: "We're delighted to have Will Tom join us. His depth and breadth of experience, especially in the competition issues deriving from the new economy, and in mergers and joint ventures, strengthen our Antitrust Practice."

The worldwide Antitrust Practice at Morgan Lewis is one of the most prominent in the country, finding solutions for Fortune 100 companies and industry leaders in high technology and e-commerce, chemicals and food additives, credit card and financial services, energy and pharmaceuticals. The firm*s lawyers are currently handling the antitrust litigation for VISA International in the Justice Department's case against the large credit card associations, Visa and MasterCard.

With more than 1,100 lawyers in 12 offices, Morgan Lewis ranks among the top ten law firms in the world. More information about Morgan Lewis can be found on its Web site at www.morganlewis.com.