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Holly A. House
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Practice Area: Antitrust and complex commercial litigation
Years in Practice: 22
Law School: Harvard Law School

During the last year Holly House has kept busy representing Oracle Corp. in its litigation against rival SAP. Oracle is seeking at least a billion dollars in damages from SAP, claiming the company illegally accessed a password-protected customer website by using false customer credentials and copied thousands of software support programs as well as their underlying applications software. The trial is set for November. House is also defending IKON Office Solutions in a federal antitrust case in San Francisco. In that case a group of independent service organizations is challenging IKON's leasing and service contract practices. House had secured a dismissal of the litigation, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the dismissal and remanded the case back to the district court. Meanwhile, House is helping Intel Corp. strategize about how to handle a series of international and domestic investigations and civil actions in which competitors, customers and government entities claim it violated antitrust and competition laws and hurt its competitors. Specifically, Intel's sales and marketing practices for its microprocessors have been called into question. House serves as co-chair of Bingham's antitrust and trade regulation practice group. In the past she has been chair of the California State Bar's Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section, and she currently serves as an adviser to that group.

Pretrial Ritual: House says she's a crammer — she will cram until the moment she's on her feet speaking before the court. She likes to practice her arguments out loud beforehand to make her delivery sound effortless. "Appearing effortless takes a lot of effort!" House says.

Biggest Career Break: When House was 38, her client Adaptec Inc. gave her first-chair responsibilities in a case in which a company Adaptec acquired appeared to have misrepresented itself. The case went from minor to major, with Adaptec seeking a full-on arbitration in order to out the target company's fraud. In the end, House scored a win: the arbitrator awarded Adaptec a judgment of \$50 million.

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