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Main Bio

Colin Ahler's practice is concentrated in commercial litigation, with a focus and particular experience in antitrust and unfair competition matters. Colin's antitrust litigation experience includes the defense and prosecution of federal and state antitrust claims in multi-district litigation, class actions, competitor suits, and actions by government authorities. Colin has provided clients with antitrust counseling and compliance training, and has drafted antitrust policies and manuals for companies and trade associations.

In addition, Colin has assisted companies with government contract issues including proposal compliance, protests, claims and litigation. He also has experience dealing with the state-specific procurement codes, the federal rules including the acquisition regulations, and the Department of Energy laws specific to government contracts.

Colin's litigation experience also includes First Amendment law, appellate matters, real estate and land use matters, election law and Indian law. Colin has authored briefs filed with various federal and state appellate courts around the country including the U.S. Supreme Court and the Arizona Supreme Court. He has also assisted clients in conducting internal investigations.

Colin's pro bono practice has included a petition for post-conviction relief in state court, an amicus brief filed with the Arizona Supreme Court concerning the selection of members to the state's independent redistricting commission and the representation of clients seeking asylum under federal immigration law.

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2005)
- Arizona State University (B.S., Economics, summa cum laude, 2001)
 - Moeur Award Recipient (highest GPA in graduating class)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
 - Antitrust Section
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Antitrust Section
- Maricopa County Bar Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Trending Antitrust Issues," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Virtual CLE Series (June 30, 2022)
- "Basic Antitrust Principles," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Virtual CLE Series (June 30, 2022)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court Unanimously Rules Against NCAA in Antitrust Case, Providing Valuable Insights on the Rule of Reason Standard](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 22, 2021)
- "Antitrust Law Primer: How to Collaborate with Competitors," Co-Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Webinar (April 13, 2021)
- "[Fourth Circuit Affirms Divestiture Order in Antitrust Challenge Brought by Private Party Against Acquisition](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 24, 2021)
- "[McCarron-Ferguson Act Repeal Opens 75 Years of Exemptions for Health Insurers and Sets New Antitrust Enforcement Expectations](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (February 10, 2021)
- "[GSA Announces Plan to Modernize the Multiple Awards Schedules](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (December 4, 2018)
- "[Proposed Aetna-Humana Merger Passes Another Hurdle in Antitrust Review](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (February 19, 2016)
- "Interpreting California's Unfair Competition Law and False Advertising Law Standing Requirement," Co-Author, Products Liability Litigation Reporter, Volume 20 Issue 2 (March 9, 2009)

Community Involvement

- ICM Food & Clothing Bank
 - Board Member
- Arizona Justice Project
- Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project

Previous Professional Experience

- Perkins Coie LLP, Counsel (2012-2014)
 - Associate (2005-2012)
- Brown & Bain, P.A., Summer Associate (2003-2004)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Arizona