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Lauren Rackow is Counsel at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP. Her practice is focused on a wide range of antitrust matters, advising and representing clients on mergers and acquisitions, complex antitrust litigation, government investigations, financing transactions with the potential for antitrust risk, and antitrust compliance.

Lauren successfully navigates complex transactions through antitrust and foreign investment review in the U.S. and globally. Lauren has quickly secured approval for her clients in the early phases of merger reviews. Lauren has represented clients in numerous industries, such as healthcare, airline, financial services, digital commerce, shipping logistics, communications, and beverage. For example, Lauren represented ICON plc in its \$12 billion acquisition of PRA Health Sciences, forming one of the world's leading contract research organizations, PharmaMar in its agreement to exclusively license small cell lung cancer drug lurbectedin to Jazz Pharmaceuticals Ireland Limited in the United States, and Arch Capital Group Ltd. with its acquisition of United Guaranty Corporation. Lauren acts as antitrust counsel to the financing sources in many major acquisitions featuring significant debt financings, including some of the largest buyouts completed in U.S. history, and many other significant mergers and acquisitions. On the litigation and investigations side, Lauren has most recently represented Credit Suisse in U.S. litigation relating to the alleged manipulation of the US Dollar and CHF London Inter-Bank Offered Rate.

Lauren is recognized as a Thought Leader in *The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers* and as a leading lawyer by *Chambers USA* for antitrust in the New York region and named a recommended antitrust lawyer by *The Legal 500*. Clients have remarked that Lauren is "super talented" when speaking to *Chambers USA* and she is commended by clients as "thorough and diligent and worked very effectively" in *The Legal 500* US publication. She is also recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the area of antitrust law.

Lauren writes and speaks frequently on [antitrust topics](#). She serves as Co-Chair of the Health Care and Pharmaceuticals Committee in the American Bar Association Antitrust Law Section, has been appointed as a Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's Antitrust in Healthcare Conference 2024, and serves as the Committee Officer of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association Antitrust Law Section. Lauren also served as a member of the NY City Bar Association Antitrust and Trade Regulation Committee.

SELECTED MATTERS

- Representation of Shutterstock, Inc. in its acquisition of Pond5, Inc., providing customers with unparalleled access to one of the largest collections of editorial and commercial video content in the world.
- Representation of ICON plc in its \$12 billion acquisition of PRA Health Sciences, forming one of the world's leading contract research organizations.
- Representation of Arch Capital Group Ltd in its acquisition, along with Warburg Pincus and Kelso, of Watford Holdings, a Bermuda-based reinsurer and insurer, successfully obtaining approvals from antitrust authorities in the US and Europe, among others, for the approximately \$700 million transaction.

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- Representation of Lufthansa in its sale of LSG Group (including LSG Sky Chefs and Retail inMotion) to AURELIUS Group
 - Represented PharmaMar, a Spanish biopharmaceutical company focused on oncology, in its agreement to exclusively license small cell lung cancer drug lurbinectedin to Jazz Pharmaceuticals Ireland Limited in the United States
 - Represented Tembec in connection with its acquisition by Rayonier Advanced Materials
 - Represented 1-800-Flowers.com, Inc. in connection with its sale of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc.
 - Represented Empire District Electric Company in acquisition by Algonquin Power
 - Represented Arch Capital Group in its acquisition of leading mortgage insurer United Guaranty Corporation from American International Group, Inc
 - Represented Coca-Cola Enterprises in merger with Coca-Cola Iberian partners and Coca-Cola Erfrischungsgetränk
 - Represented ICON plc in its acquisition of MediMedia Pharma Solutions
 - Represented 1-800-Flowers in acquisition of Harry & David
 - Represented ICON in Acquisition of Aptiv Solutions
 - Represented Ascend Health in completion of acquisition by Universal Health Services
 - Represented Validus in acquisition of IPC Holdings

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2007

Boston College, M. Ed., 2003

Swarthmore College, B.A., 2000

Practices

Antitrust Litigation

Antitrust & Trade Regulation

Project Finance, Energy & Infrastructure

Admission

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