Hot Air Balloon Maker Defeats Monopolization Claims

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled that a hot air balloon maker did not monopolize the aftermarket for replacement balloon fabric. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed denial of certification of a class of air travelers alleging monopolization of three airport hubs through “predation by reputation.” The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) required divestiture of tooth-whitening and other personal-care products to approve the combination of two global consumer products companies.