

No Tying Claims for Gas Stations

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Two U.S. Courts of Appeal ruled that allegations that gas station franchisees were forced to use their franchisors' credit-card processing services did not state unlawful tying claims. The European Court of Justice decided that the European Commission's approval of a combination of two recorded music firms should not have been overturned by the Court of First Instance. Other recent antitrust developments of note included a district court's refusal to dismiss as time-barred antitrust claims involving a merger that was completed more than seven years prior to the filing of the complaint.