

DOJ 2020 Non-Merger Antitrust/Competition Actions

December 22, 2020: Justice Department Commends ASCAP and BMI's Launch of SONGVIEW — Data Platform Seeks to Improve Transparency of Copyright Ownership and Promote Competition in the Music Licensing Industry

December 17, 2020: Three Additional States Ask Court to Join Justice Department Antitrust Suit Against Google

December 10, 2020: Eastern District of Texas Announces Partnership with the Antitrust Division to Protect Competition in Marketplace

November 19, 2020: Justice Department Files Antitrust Case and Simultaneous Settlement Requiring National Association of Realtors® To Repeal and Modify Certain Anticompetitive Rules

October 20, 2020: Justice Department Sues Monopolist Google For Violating Antitrust Laws — Department Files Complaint Against Google to Restore Competition in Search and Search Advertising Markets

October 1, 2020: Justice Department Issues Favorable Business Review Letter to ISDA For Proposed Amendments to Address Interest Rate Benchmarks

September 10, 2020: Department of Justice and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Host Public Workshop on Promoting Innovation in The Life Science Sector

September 10, 2020: Antitrust Division Announces Updates to Civil Investigative Demand Forms and Deposition Process

September 10, 2020: Justice Department Updates 2015 Business Review Letter to The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

September 2, 2020: Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim Signs Antitrust Cooperation Framework with Australia, Canada, New Zealand, And United Kingdom — Multilateral Mutual Assistance and Cooperation Framework aims to boost international cooperation efforts

August 14, 2020: Justice Department Brings Enforcement Action Against Centurylink — In Significant Action, CenturyLink Agrees to Extend Term, Appoint Independent Monitor, and Reimburse Taxpayers for the Costs and Fees of the Violations

August 7, 2020: Federal Court Terminates Paramount Consent Decrees

July 31, 2020: Statement of the Department of Justice Antitrust Division on the Closing of Its Investigation of London Stock Exchange Group and Refinitiv

July 28, 2020: Justice Department Issues Business Review Letter to Avanci for Proposed Licensing Platform to Advance 5G Technology for Interconnected Automobiles

July 24, 2020: Antitrust Division Announces Agenda for Workshop on Competition in the Licensing of Public Performance Rights in the Music Industry — Songwriters LeAnn Rimes, Pharrell and Jon Bon Jovi to Deliver Special Keynotes

July 23, 2020: Department of Justice Issues Business Review Letter to Monoclonal Antibody Manufacturers to Expedite and Increase the Production of Covid-19 Mab Treatments

July 10, 2020: Department of Justice Antitrust Division to Host Workshop on Competition in the Licensing of Public Performance Rights in the Music Industry

June 22, 2020: Justice Department's Antitrust Division and the Securities and Exchange Commission Sign Historic Memorandum of Understanding

May 15, 2020: Department of Justice Supports National Pork Producers Council's Ability to Combat Meat Shortage

April 27, 2020: Statement from Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim on the 20th Anniversary of World Intellectual Property Day

April 20, 2020: Justice Department Issues Business Review Letter to AmerisourceBergen Supporting Distribution of Critical Medicines Under Expedited Procedure for COVID-19 Pandemic Response

April 16, 2020: Justice Department Issues Business Review Letter to the Association of Independent Commercial Producers

April 13, 2020: Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission Jointly Issue Statement on COVID-19 and Competition in U.S. Labor Markets

April 4, 2020: Department of Justice Issues Business Review Letter to Medical Supplies Distributors Supporting Project Airbridge Under Expedited Procedure for COVID-19 Pandemic Response

March 24, 2020: The Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission Announce Expedited Antitrust Procedure and Guidance for Coronavirus Public Health Efforts

March 17, 2020: Justice Department Announces Antitrust Civil Process Changes for Pendency of COVID-19 Event — Process Changes Will Ensure that the Department Can Carry Out Its Enforcement Mission While Protecting the Health and Safety of Its Employees and the American Public

January 28, 2020: Court Enters Judgment That Significantly Modifies and Extends Consent Decree with Live Nation/Ticketmaster — Amended Final Judgment Extends by Five and a Half Years the 2010 Live Nation/Ticketmaster Final Judgment; Live Nation to Pay Costs and Fees to American Taxpayers for Enforcement

January 15, 2020: Department of Justice Issues Business Review Letter to the American Optometric Association for Its Proposed Expansion of Its Group Purchasing Activities

January 14, 2020: Department of Justice Antitrust Division to Co-Host Workshop on Venture Capital Investment and Antitrust Law with Stanford University

December 19, 2019: Department of Justice, United States Patent and Trademark Office, and National Institute of Standards and Technology Announce Joint Policy Statement on Remedies for Standard-Essential Patents

FTC 2020 Non-Merger Antitrust/Competition Actions

December 9, 2020: FTC Sues Facebook for Illegal Monopolization — Agency challenges Facebook’s multi-year course of unlawful conduct

December 3, 2020: FTC Staff Issues FY 2017 Report on Branded Drug Firms' Patent Settlements with Generic Competitors — The number of reverse-payment agreements remains low; for the first time since FY 2004, no agreement contains a no-AG commitment

September 25, 2020: FTC Requests Rehearing En Banc of Qualcomm Appeals Panel Decision

September 2, 2020: FTC Chairman Joseph J. Simons Signs Antitrust Cooperation Framework with Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and United Kingdom — Multilateral Mutual Assistance and Cooperation Framework seeks to improve cooperation in an increasingly global economy

August 5, 2020: FTC Testifies at an Oversight Hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee

June 16, 2020: FTC Approves Final Order Settling Charges that VieVu’s Former Parent Company Safariland Entered into Anticompetitive Agreements with Body-Worn Camera Systems Seller Axon

May 12, 2020: FTC Approves Final Orders Settling Charges that Rent-to-Own Operators Restrained Competition through Reciprocal Purchase Agreements

April 17, 2020: VieVu’s Former Parent Company Safariland Agrees to Settle Charges That It Entered into Anticompetitive Agreements with Body-Worn Camera Systems Seller Axon

April 13, 2020: Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department Issue Joint Statement Announcing They are on Alert for Collusion in U.S. Labor Markets

March 24, 2020: Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department Announce Expedited Antitrust Procedure and Guidance for Coronavirus Public Health Efforts

March 3, 2020: FTC, FDA to Hold Workshop on Promoting Competition in Markets for Biologics

February 21, 2020: Rent-to-Own Operators Settle Charges that They Restrained Competition through Reciprocal Purchase Agreements

February 11, 2020: FTC to Examine Past Acquisitions by Large Technology Companies — Agency Issues 6(b) Orders to Alphabet Inc., Amazon.com, Inc., Apple Inc., Facebook, Inc., Google Inc., and Microsoft Corp.

February 10, 2020: FTC Submits Annual Budget Request, Performance Plan and Performance Report to Congress

February 3, 2020: FTC, FDA Sign Joint Statement Promoting Competition in Markets for Biologics

January 28, 2020: FTC Extends Deadline for Comments on Workshop Addressing Non-Compete Clauses in Employment Contracts

January 27, 2020: FTC and NY Attorney General Charge Vyera Pharmaceuticals, Martin Shkreli, and Other Defendants with Anticompetitive Scheme to Protect a List-Price Increase of More Than 4,000 Percent for Life-Saving Drug Daraprim

January 8, 2020: FTC to Hold Workshop Tomorrow Regarding Non-Compete Agreements in the Workplace

January 3, 2020: FTC Announces Agenda for Jan. 9 Workshop, Non-Competes in the Workplace: Examining Antitrust and Consumer Protection Issues