Fiona Schaeffer is a partner in the New York office of Milbank.

Primary Focus & Experience

Fiona Schaeffer is an international antitrust lawyer with over 25 years of experience practicing on both sides of the Atlantic. Clients entrust Ms. Schaeffer with the defense of “bet-the-company” criminal and civil cases as well as their most complex transactions. She counsels clients in a variety of industries, with a particular depth of experience in healthcare, financial services, energy, media and communications.

Ms. Schaeffer regularly represents clients in FTC and DOJ investigations and follow on class actions in the US and internationally. She also counsels clients on optimizing intellectual property rights and licensing, distribution and marketing practices without creating unnecessary legal risks. Ms. Schaeffer began her legal career in the UK, and has appeared before courts and regulators throughout the EU as well as other significant antitrust enforcement agencies around the world.

Recognition & Accomplishments

Ms. Schaeffer is the Vice Chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of Antitrust Law, former Chair of the Antitrust & Trade Regulation Committee of the New York City Bar Association and member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association Antitrust Section.

She is consistently recognized as a leading antitrust lawyer by Chambers, The Legal 500, Global Competition Review and Benchmark Litigation, among others. Clients have observed that she “combines incredible substantive knowledge of the antitrust field with a pragmatic and commercial approach to problem solving” (Chambers USA). In 2019, she was selected for W@’s inaugural “40 in their 40s” list of Notable Women Competition Professionals in the Americas. In 2020, Ms. Schaeffer was shortlisted for Euromoney’s Women in Business Law Awards for “Best in Antitrust/Competition” and won in the same category in 2017. In 2016, she was recognized as one of the leading Women in Antitrust globally by the Global Competition Review. Ms. Schaeffer was also previously selected by her peers as one of the top 40 competition lawyers under 40 globally in Global Competition Review.
EDUCATION
- University of Oxford, B.C.L.
- Adelaide Law School, LL.B.
- University of Adelaide, B.Ec

ADMISSIONS
- New York
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US Supreme Court

EXPERIENCE
- Corporate
- Corporate Antitrust & Competition Law
- FinTech
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Litigation Antitrust & Competition Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Control Contests
- United States

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Milbank Advises Veritas Capital on Sale of Anthology's Blackboard Collaborate Virtual Classroom Tool to Class Technologies

Milbank Represents Abra Group in Creation of Leading Air Transportation Group Across Latin America

Milbank Advises Cencosud on Its Acquisition of 67% of The Fresh Market Holdings, Inc.

Partner Fiona Schaeffer Moderates Panel of DOJ Antitrust Enforcers at ABA’s 70th Antitrust Law Spring Meeting