

Distribution Law Antitrust Principles Practice 3rd Edition

In the late 1990s, the European Commission embarked on a long process of introducing a 'more economic approach' to EU Antitrust law. One by one, it reviewed its approach to all three pillars of EU Antitrust Law, starting with Article 101 TFEU, moving on to EU merger control and concluding the process with Article 102 TFEU. Its aim was to make EU antitrust law more compatible with contemporary economic thinking. On the basis of an extensive empirical analysis of the Commission's main enforcement tools, this book establishes the changes that the more economic approach has made to the Commission's enforcement practice over the past fifteen years. It demonstrates that the more economic approach not only introduced modern economic assessment tools to the Commission's analyses, but fundamentally changed the Commission's interpretation of the law. Emulating one of the key credos of the US Antitrust Revolution thirty years earlier, the Commission reinterpreted the EU antitrust rules as aiming at the enhancement of economic consumer welfare only, and amended its understanding of key legal concepts accordingly. This book argues that the Commission's new understanding of the law has many benefits. Its key principles are logical, translate well into workable legal concepts and promise a great degree of accuracy. However, it also has a number of serious drawbacks as it stands. Most worryingly, its revised interpretation of the law is to large extents incompatible with the case law of the European Court of Justice, which has not been swayed by the exclusive consumer welfare aim. This situation is undesirable from the point of view of legal certainty and the rule of law.

The cornerstone reference on antitrust issues that arise from distribution arrangements. Establish a sound manufacturer-distributor relationship in full compliance with federal and state antitrust law; understand enforcement factors and the effect of antitrust regulation on distributor behavior; handle pricing, vertical restraints, exclusivity, tying, and refusal to deal. For insightful analysis and practical guidance on the antitrust issues that arise from distribution arrangements, turn to Theodore Banks. With this unique resource you'll be able to prepare for, or even prevent, the antitrust-based disputes that all too often mar the manufacturer-distributor relationship. Distribution Law: Antitrust Principles and Practice, Third Edition shows you how to: Establish a sound manufacturer-distributor relationship in full compliance with federal and state antitrust law Understand enforcement factors and the effect of antitrust regulation on distributor behavior Handle problems arising from such areas as pricing, vertical restraints, exclusivity, tying, and refusal to deal. You will get factual analysis of virtually every significant distribution antitrust case. You will find in-depth, practical analysis of such specific issues as: lost profits, predatory pricing, market definition, antitrust damages, and judicial latitude in discovery. Note: Online subscriptions are for three-month periods. Previous Edition: Distribution Law: Antitrust Principles and Practice, Second Edition, ISBN: 9780735502680

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Since 1890, US federal antitrust law has been there every step of the way, drawing the line between permissible and impermissible restraints. This book summarizes those antitrust lines today. As antitrust jurisprudence underwent a revolution in the late 20th century, the location of many of those lines changed. The more recent rise of e-commerce has meant that those antitrust principles had to be applied to new fact patterns. Those changes in legal interpretations and distribution practices are covered here in ways designed to give manufacturers and retailers, franchisors and franchisees a concise description of antitrust risks from any distribution scheme.

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In the US and EU, legal analysis in competition cases is conducted on a case-by-case approach. This approach assesses each particular practice for both its legality and its welfare effects. While this analytic method has the merits of 'getting the result right' by, inter alia, reducing error costs in antitrust adjudication, it comes at a cost of certainty, predictability and clarity in the legal principles which govern antitrust law. This is a rule of law concern. This is the first book to explore this tension between Europe's 'More Economic Approach', the US's Rule of Reason, and the Rule of Law. The tension manifests itself in the assumptions in and choice of analytic method; the institutional agents driving this effects based approach and their competency to use and assess the results of the methodology they demand; and, the nature and stability of the legal principles used in modern effects-based competition analysis. The book forcefully argues that this approach to competition law represents a threat to the rule of law. Competition, Effects and Predictability will be of interest to European and American competition law scholars and practitioners, legal historians, policy makers and members of the judiciary.

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In modern markets innovation is at least as great a concern as price competition. The book discusses how antitrust policy and patent and copyright laws interact to create market dynamics that affect both competition and innovation. Antitrust and intellectual property policies for the most part are complementary, sharing common goals of promoting innovation and economic welfare. In some cases, however, their distinct approaches, one based on competition and the other on exclusion, come into conflict. As antitrust authorities focus increasingly on ensuring that firms do not interfere with innovation by rivals or impede the pace of technological progress in an industry, they necessarily must confront difficult questions about the strength and scope of intellectual property rights. When should private property rights give way to public competition objectives? When is it appropriate to remedy anticompetitive outcomes through access to protected intellectual property? How does antitrust enforcement or competition itself affect incentives to innovate? Leading economists and lawyers address these questions from both US and EU perspectives in discussing salient antitrust cases involving intellectual property rights such as Microsoft, Magill, Kodak, IMS and Intel.

The most important book on antitrust ever written. It shows how antitrust suits adversely affect the consumer by encouraging a costly form of protection for inefficient and uncompetitive small businesses.

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