## MERGER ANTITRUST LAW

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## **CLASS 8 WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT**

## Instructions

Submit by email by 3:30 pm on Thursday, September 20

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Subject line: Merger Antitrust Law: Assignment for Class 8

## **Assignment**

Calls for short answers in short paragraphs that the average person can understand. Math is neither required nor desired.

Company A wants to acquire 100% of Company B through a negotiated merger. The proposed plan of merger calls for Company A to pay cash to the Company B shareholders as consideration for their interests in Company B. Company B is a widely held Delaware corporation that only issues common stock. Company B's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

- 1. Explain what is meant by Company B's "market capitalization."
- 2. Explain why Company A will have to pay a premium above Company B's market capitalization in order to acquire Company B. (There are two reasons.)
- 3. Explain how Company A will determine the maximum price per share it would be willing to pay for Company B's stock.
- 4. Explain how Company B might try to bargain with Company A for a high purchase price.
- 5. Once the two companies have reached an agreement on price and signed a definitive merger agreement, explain how another company can make a bid for Company B that Company B's board of directors must consider.

If you have any questions, send me an e-mail. See you in class. Dale