

Georgetown University Law Center
Merger Antitrust Law
Professor Dale Collins
Fall 2021
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 pm

CLASS SCHEDULE

Unit 1. Introduction to Merger Antitrust Law: TransDigm/Takata

Class 1	August 31	Tuesday	Introduction to the course TransDigm/Takata case study
Class 2	September 2	Thursday	TransDigm/Takata case study (con't) The consumer welfare standard Progressive and Neo-Brandeisian critiques

Unit 2. Predicting Merger Antitrust Enforcement Challenges

Class 3	September 7	Tuesday	Predicting merger antitrust enforcement challenges Advising clients at the first client meeting DOJ/FTC 2010 Horizontal Merger Guidelines (reading)
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Unit 3. The DOJ/FTC Merger Review Process

Class 4	September 9	Thursday	The Hart-Scott-Rodino Act and merger control filings DOJ/FTC merger investigations Making the first presentation to the investigating agency Managing second request investigations
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Unit 4. Merger Antitrust Settlements

Class 5	September 14	Tuesday	Settling merger antitrust investigations and litigations What the agencies demand in settlements Required settlement documents DOJ and FTC settlement procedures
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Unit 5. Merger Antitrust Litigation

Class 6	September 16	Thursday	Litigating merger antitrust cases DOJ and FTC litigation forums and procedures Preliminary and permanent injunctions
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Unit 6. Hertz/Avis Budget/Dollar Thrifty

Class 7	September 21	Tuesday	The 2010 Hertz/Dollar Thrifty deal
Class 8	September 23	Thursday	Antitrust considerations The 2010 merger agreement The bidding war FTC review and settlement/aftermath

Unit 7. Competition Economics

Class 9	September 28	Tuesday	Basic concepts
Class 10	September 30	Thursday	Basic concepts
--	October 1	Friday	Economics review session (OPTIONAL)

Unit 8. Sanford Bismark/Mid Dakota Clinic, P.C.

Class 11	October 5	Tuesday	Analysis of the Eight Circuit's opinion
Class 12	October 7	Thursday	Analysis of the Eight Circuit's opinion
	October 12	Tuesday	NO CLASS (legislative Monday)

Unit 9. H&R Block/TaxACT

Class 13	October 14	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 14	October 19	Tuesday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 15	October 21	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 16	October 26	Tuesday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 17	October 28	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 10. Sysco/U.S. Foods

Class 18	November 2	Tuesday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 19	November 4	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 11. A Case Study Problem: Ice Cream Merger

Class 20	November 9	Tuesday	Review of Class 20 homework problem
	November 10	Wednesday	Horizontal mergers review session (OPTIONAL)
--	November 10		GRADED HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT POSTED Due Monday, November 22, by 8:00 pm

Unit 12. Staples/Office Depot

Class 21 November 11 Thursday Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 13. Potential Competition Mergers

Class 22 November 16 Tuesday Mylan/Perrigo
Medtronic/Covidien
Mallinckrodt (Questcor)/Novartis
Steris/Synergy Health
Nielsen/Arbitron
Facebook/Instagram/WhatsApp

Unit 14. Vertical Mergers

Class 23 November 18 Thursday General Electric/Avio
Comcast/NBCUniversal
AT&T/Time Warner

-- November 22 Monday **GRADED HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT DUE
BY 8:00 PM**

Class 24 November 23 Tuesday Review graded homework assignment

November 25 Thursday NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

Class 25 November 30 Tuesday AT&T/Time Warner (con't)
On Zoom Coca-Cola/Coca-Cola Enterprises

Unit 15. Sabre/FareLogix

Class 26 December 2 Thursday Analysis of the district court opinion
On Zoom

-- December 3 Friday **OPTIONAL REVIEW CLASS**
On Zoom

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, December 7 – Thursday, December 16 (5-hour open book take home)