Georgetown University Law Center
Merger Antitrust Law
Professor Dale Collins
Fall 2026
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

CLASS SCHEDULE

Unit 1. TransDigm/Takata

Class 1	August 25	Tuesday	Antitrust laws and institutions
Class 2	August 27	Thursday	Remedies Predicting antitrust outcomes

Unit 2. The DOJ/FTC Merger Review Process

Class 3	September 1	Tuesday	The HSR Act The DOJ/FTC merger review process

Unit 3. Sanford Health/Mid Dakota Clinic

Class 4	September 3	Thursday	Introduction to the facts Merger antitrust litigation
Class 5	September 8	Tuesday	Product and geographic market definition
Class 6	September 10	Thursday	*PNB* presumption Coordinated effects Recapture unilateral effects
Class 7	September 15	Tuesday	Other explicit theories of anticompetitive harm Defenses

Unit 4. Hertz/Dollar Thrifty

Class 8	September 17	Thursday	Investment banking Deal structures Deal premiums The bargaining gain in negotiating price
Class 9	September 22	Tuesday	The contested takeover battle Contractual antitrust risk-shifting provisions The end game/remedy

Unit 5. H&R Block/TaxACT

Class 10	September 24	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 11	September 29	Tuesday	Analysis of the district court opinion
Class 12	October 1	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 6. Homework Case Study: Ice Cream Merger

Class 13	October 6	Tuesday	Review of Class 13 homework problem
Class 14	October 8	Thursday	Continue review of Class 13 homework problem
	October 9	Friday	Graded homework assignment posted (Friday night) —Due Monday, 10/26
	October 13	Tuesday	NO CLASS—Legislative Monday

Unit 7. U.S. Sugar/Imperial Sugar

Class 15	October 15	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 8. Sysco/U.S. Foods

Class 16	October 20	Tuesday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 9. Staples/Office Depot

Class 17	October 22	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 10. Potential Competition Mergers: Introduction

	October 26	Monday	Graded homework assignment due by 11:59 pm
Class 18	October 27	Tuesday	Mylan/Perrigo Medtronic/Covidien Mallinckrodt (Questcor)/Novartis Steris/Synergy Health Facebook/Instagram/WhatsApp

Unit 10. Potential Competition Mergers: Meta/Within

Class 19	October 29	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 11. Vertical Mergers

Class 20	November 3	Tuesday	General Electric/Avio Comcast/NBCUniversal AT&T/Time Warner
Class 21	November 5	Thursday	AT&T/Time Warner (cont.)
Class 22	November 10	Tuesday	AT&T/Time Warner (cont.)

Unit 12. UnitedHealth/Change Healthcare

Class 23	November 12	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion Coca-Cola/Coca-Cola Enterprises

Unit 13. Microsoft/Activision

Class 24	November 17	Tuesday	Analysis of the district court opinion Class 26 homework assignment posted

Unit 14. Sealy Tempur/Mattress Firm

Class 25	November 19	Thursday	Analysis of the district court opinion

Unit 15. Homework Case Study: Mattress Merger

Class 26	November 24	Tuesday	Analysis of homework assignment
	November 26	Thursday	NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING
--	December 1	Tuesday	**OPTIONAL REVIEW CLASS**

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, December 3 – Monday, December 14 (5-hour open-book take-home)