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#### I. INTRODUCTION

- I am Chief Executive Officer of Nathan Associates, Inc., an economic and management
  consulting firm established in 1946, with offices in Arlington, Virginia; Memphis, Tennessee;
  Irvine, California; London, U.K.; and Channai, India. Nathan Associates provides economic,
  financial, and statistical research and analysis to private and public sector clients in the United
  States and abroad.
- I have been associated with Nathan Associates for 38 years. I also have been employed by the
  Ford Foundation. I have conducted research at the Brookings Institute, and I have served as an
  Adjunct Professor at American University in Washington, D.C. I received a Ph.D. from Tufts
  University's Fletcher School in 1966.
- 3. My professional experience includes the analysis of economic issues involving antitrust litigation, such as matters concerning the structure and conduct of industries; the definition of relevant markets; the determination of economic impact; and the estimation of damages. In several instances, such analyses have addressed the issue of impact upon multiple plaintiffs and plaintiff classes, as well as the development of methodologies to assess damages on a classwide basis. During my career, I have provided analyses and opinions concerning the economic impact and damages in numerous antitrust class-action cases, including: In re: Carbon Black Antitrust Litigation; In re: Corrugated Container Antitrust Litigation; In re: Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation; In re: Carbon Dioxide Antitrust Litigation; In re: Domestic Air Transportation Antitrust Litigation; In re: Monosodium Glutamate Antitrust Litigation; In re: Mercedes-Benz Antitrust Litigation; In re: Linerboard Antitrust Litigation; In re: Polyester Staple Fiber Antitrust Litigation; and In re: Oriented Strand Board Antitrust Litigation, among others.

4. Additional information about my education, professional experience as an economist, publications, and affiliations may be found in my resume, which is in Appendix A. Also included in Appendix A is a list of the matters in which I have testified over the past four years. Nathan Associates charges a rate of \$515 per hour for my work. Other professional staff working under my direction have hourly billing rates ranging from \$125 to \$250. Nathan Associates' compensation is not contingent upon the outcome of this case.

### II. ASSIGNMENT AND SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

5. The Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint in this matter was filed on May 27, 2009 on behalf of a Class of purchasers of an online DVD rental subscription service provided by Netflix, Inc. The Class is defined as:

Any person or entity in the United States that paid a subscription fee to Netflix on or after May 19, 2005 up to and including the date of class certification ("Class").

Excluded from the Class are government entities, Defendants, their co-conspirators, Reed Hastings, John Fleming, Defendants' subsidiaries, corporate affiliates, and counsel in this action. Also excluded are persons who subscribed to Wal-Mart DVD Rentals as of May 19, 2005. Also excluded are the Judge presiding over this action, her law clerks, her spouse, and any person within the third degree of relationship living in the Judge's household and the spouse of such a person.<sup>1</sup>

The Defendants named in the Complaint are Netflix, Inc. ("Netflix"), Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Wal-Mart.com USA LLC (collectively referred to as "Wal-Mart"). Both Netflix and Wal-Mart were service providers in the online DVD rental market prior to May 19, 2005. After May 19, 2005, Netflix continued to offer online DVD rental services, but Wal-Mart terminated its online

<sup>1</sup> United States District Court for the Northern District of California, *In re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029 PJH, <u>Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint</u>, filed May 27, 2009 (hereinafter, "Complaint"), at ¶ 64. *See also* United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings, No. MDL 09-CV-2029-PJH, July 7, 2009, pp. 9-11.

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- a. Defendants did enter into the alleged Market Allocation Agreement by which Netflix and Wal-Mart agreed that Wal-Mart would exit the online DVD rental market and cease to be a competitor to Netflix.
- b. At the time that Netflix and Wal-Mart began discussing and negotiating the alleged Market Allocation Agreement, Netflix was considering the potential of selling new DVDs to its customers as a method of generating significant additional revenue. However, as part of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement, Netflix agreed not to enter into the business of selling new DVDs and did not do so.
- c. Absent the alleged Market Allocation Agreement, Netflix would have lowered its prices in response to intensifying competition in a market with Netflix, Wal-Mart and Blockbuster. I have not been asked to assume a specific date by which Netflix would have reduced its prices; I have only been asked to assume that the price reductions would have been fully implemented by May 19, 2005. In reaching my conclusions, I have examined evidence that Netflix's price reductions would, in fact, have occurred and that antitrust injury was common to the entire Class, not individualized. I have not assumed that a general price reduction would have affected all, or nearly all, Class members. Rather, I have examined whether lower competitive prices, which would have resulted from continued competition, would have applied to all, or nearly all, members of the Class.
- d. The online DVD rental market is a relevant product market and the geographic market is the United States. I have studied the nature of price competition between Netflix and other online DVD rental services as well as the nature of pricing among Netflix's plans to analyze whether the nature of this market lends itself to Class-wide proof of injury.

e. The conduct of Netflix and/or all Defendants violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act and Section 2 of the Sherman Act, as alleged in the Complaint.<sup>4</sup>

- 10. In addition, it is my understanding that the following facts are consistent with the evidence made available thus far:
  - a. In mid-October 2004, approximately two months after Blockbuster joined Netflix and Wal-Mart as the third major competitor in the online DVD rental market, price reductions were made by Netflix and Blockbuster, which included price reductions on the "3-out unlimited plan" that constituted the vast majority of Netflix's subscribers at that time. In the face of a significant drop in its stock price and price cut by Blockbuster, among other motivations, Netflix sought to reduce competition by beginning discussions with Wal-Mart that were designed to get Wal-Mart to exit the online DVD rental market. At that time, Wal-Mart had not decided to exit the market. Rather than exit, Wal-Mart lowered its prices on November 2, 2004, Blockbuster lowered its prices on December 22, 2004 and Wal-Mart lowered its prices once again on January 4, 2005.
  - b. In the face of these further price cuts, Netflix increased its efforts to get Wal-Mart to agree to exit the market in January 2005. There were additional meetings and negotiations between Netflix and Wal-Mart during February and March 2005, which culminated in a on March 17, 2005 by which, among other things, Wal-Mart would exit the online DVD rental market. Wal-Mart's agreement to exit the market was publicly announced on May 19, 2005.

<sup>4</sup> Complaint, ¶¶ 74-92.

<sup>5</sup> A "3-out unlimited plan" allows a subscriber to rent up to three movies at one time without limit to the total number of movies rented. *See, infra*, ¶ 14.

1	c. Had Netflix not embarked on its plan to get Wal-Mart to exit the market or had Wal-
2	Mart rejected that plan, Netflix would have been forced to respond to the price
3	reductions by Blockbuster (especially its December 22, 2004 price reduction) and Wal-
4	Mart.
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6	d. The price changes that occurred as well as the further price reductions that would have
7	occurred were a result of decisions made by these three firms as to the conditions in the
8	online DVD rental market. They were not a result of changes in the pricing of other
9	forms of video entertainment, such as in-theater movies, cable television, etc.
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11	11. In preparing this Report, I, and members of my staff under my direction, reviewed the
12	following information in order to evaluate the economic characteristics of the online DVD
13	industry:
14	The Complaint as well as the Blockbuster Subscribers' Consolidated Amended Class
15	Action Complaint, filed July 16, 2009, and the Blockbuster Subscribers' Second
16	Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint, filed March 1, 2009; <sup>6</sup>
17	Electronic databases produced by Defendant Netflix containing online DVD rental
18	transaction data; <sup>7</sup>
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22	6 United States District Court for the Northern District of California, <i>In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation</i> , Blockbuster Subscribers' Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint, Master
23	File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, July 16, 2009; United States District Court for the Northern District of California. <i>In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation</i> , Blockbuster Subscribers' Second
24	Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, March 1, 2010.
25	7 Netflix provided monthly data from January 2002 to September 2009 in the following electronic
26	databases: NETFLIX_DATA_001, received December 29, 2009; NETFLIX_DATA_002, received February 17, 2010; and NETFLIX_DATA_003, received February 19, 2010 (referred to collectively as
27	"Netflix Electronic Data").
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- Documents produced by Defendants, Netflix and Wal-Mart pursuant to discovery in this case:<sup>8</sup>
- Publicly available information concerning the online DVD rental industry generally, as well as about Netflix, Wal-Mart online DVD rental, Blockbuster online DVD rental, available in media and trade documents;
- Academic literature concerning strategic interaction relevant to the structure of the online DVD rental market; and
- Documents produced during the course of this litigation and the transcript of the deposition of Netflix taken pursuant to Federal Rule 30(b)(6).

A complete list of the materials reviewed is included in Appendix B. The opinions expressed in this report are based on the information that I have reviewed so far and may change if new information warrants. I understand that discovery in this case is not complete and that there will be additional facts to be reviewed as the case progresses.

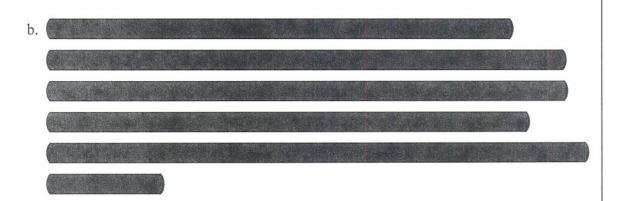
- 12. Based on my economic analysis of all of the information that I have reviewed, I have concluded that the unlawful conduct alleged in the Complaint may be proven by evidence and methodologies that are common to the Class and that the economic injury to the Class arising from that conduct is common to the Class. I base this conclusion on the following considerations summarized below and elaborated upon in the body of this Report:
  - a. Netflix charges one national monthly subscription price for online DVD rentals that vary only by the number of DVDs a subscriber can have home at one time ("unlimited" plans) or the total DVDs the subscriber can at home during a month ("capped" plans).

<sup>8</sup> This includes Netflix's Interrogatory Response file received January 6, 2010, consisting of Netflix Data 1209.xls, Streaming Users over 15 minutes as of 120109.xls and Blu-Ray surcharge.xls.

<sup>9</sup> Deposition Transcript of Leslie J. Kilgore, Rule 30(b)(6) designee of Netflix, March 3, 2010 (referred to as "Netflix Dep. Tr.").

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Subscribers can easily move from one plan to	another, and have done so.
	Therefore, evidence of the impact of
changes in supply or demand factors, as well a	as any price effect arising from the alleged
unlawful conduct would be evidence that wou	ld be common to the Class, rather than
individualized in nature.	



- c. The high costs of setting up and operating distribution centers, which act as formidable barriers for potential entrants into the market, and the high concentration of the online DVD rental market suggest that Netflix had considerable ability to affect prices.
  Netflix's ability to affect prices increased after Wal-Mart's exit from the online DVD rental market, since the constraining presence of a third major competitor in the market was removed.
- d. Online DVD rental service providers primarily compete on price. By foreclosing additional competition from Wal-Mart, a competitor with deep resources that was committed to, and focused on, being a low-price seller in this market, Defendants prevented subscribers from benefitting from the increased price competition, which would have resulted in lower subscription prices, that would otherwise have occurred.

1	e.
2	After the
3	alleged Market Allocation Agreement and Wal-Mart's subsequent exit, prices
4	stabilized. The evidence discussed below shows that in the absence of the alleged
5	Market Allocation Agreement, Class members would have paid a lower price.
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9	suggests that, had three-firm competition continued, Netflix's subscription prices would
10	have been lower than those it actually charged.
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12	g. A review of the economic literature relevant to the online DVD rental market confirms
13	that prices fall with increased competition. Further, economic models of strategic
14	competition within concentrated industries show that reduced competition can lead to
15	higher prices. Economic models relevant to the online DVD rental market suggest that
16	the reduced competition in the online DVD rental market would have resulted in higher
17	prices to all, or nearly all, Class members.
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19	As explained more fully below, I have concluded that damages to the Class can be calculated
20	on a common basis using valid and accepted methodologies. While the amount of damages
21	sustained by a Class member might differ because he or she may have purchased different
22	subscription plans at different times, these differences can be provided for in the methodology
23	used to determine damages. Likewise, any differences between the price impact on different
24	subscription plans can be accounted for in the methodology used to determine aggregate
25	damages.
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## III. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT FACTS REGARDING MARKET IMPACT AND DAMAGES

### A. The Online DVD Rental Market

- 13. The DVDs at issue in this case are Digital Video Discs and, during later periods, Blu-ray discs, <sup>10</sup> containing commercially-recorded entertainment such as movies or TV shows for personal viewing. <sup>11</sup> Each of the major competitors marketed the rental of DVDs online by subscription agreements with consumers on a nation-wide basis without regard to any individual characteristics, as described below. I refer to the market for the rental of these discs as the "online DVD rental market."
- 14. Netflix's subscribers paid a fixed monthly subscription fee to an online service provider to rent DVDs by mail. To select a DVD, consumers visited the provider's website, which listed the available DVD inventory. On the website, the subscriber could browse the DVD inventory and create a list of DVDs he or she wished to rent in the order in which he or she wished to rent them. The DVDs were rented without the casing or advertising or informational pamphlets associated with DVDs sold at retail. The cost of mailing was included in the price of the subscription. The DVD was then mailed, via the U.S. Postal Service, in an envelope designed for round-trip mailing, to the subscriber. Once the subscriber was ready to return the DVD, he or she placed the DVD in the pre-paid postage envelope that arrived with the DVD and dropped it at any U.S. Postal Service mailbox. Once the DVD was received at a distribution center run by the service provider, the next DVD on the subscriber's queue was mailed. Subscribers could sign up for plans that allow one, two, three or more DVDs "out" at a time. 12 Under the

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<sup>10</sup> Blu-ray discs allow for a high definition format resulting in higher video quality for viewers. See http://www.blu-raydisc.com/en.html.

<sup>11</sup> Complaint, ¶ 31.

<sup>12</sup> There are as many as "8-out" at a time plans available, although the core plans appear to be (See Netflix (Continued...)

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"unlimited" plans, subscribers paid a flat fee and could receive and return new DVDs as frequently as they wished (subject to the plan limitations on the number of DVDs allowed "out" at one time), without incurring any late fees or facing due dates. Netflix also had a small number of "capped" plans that were identical in nature except that under these plans, a subscriber could rent only a stated number of DVDs per month. Subscribers generally prepaid only for the upcoming month of service and could cancel their subscription or change their subscription to a different plan at any time.

15. While I have not yet performed a full market definition analysis at this stage, it is useful to note that there are functional differences between online DVD rental services and other forms of movie rentals. DVDs are selected online in this service, allowing the consumer to compare titles and read brief reviews of the movies he or she is considering. The DVDs are sent directly to customers' homes and are returned by placing the DVD in any mailbox, including the customers' home mailbox, eliminating the need to visit a rental store. The nature of the service allows the subscriber to keep the DVDs as long as he or she wishes without incurring any late fees, which, historically, were a key source of revenue for brick-and-mortar rental providers

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Dep. Tr., pp. 56, 81-82). The term "out" refers to the number of DVDs the subscriber can have at home at any given time (*see* Exhibits C-1 and C-2 located in Appendix C).

13 For example, the 1-out two-cap plan allows a customer to have one DVD at home at a time up to a total of two DVDs in a month (see Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 34).

14 Gift subscriptions are an exception, as the monthly subscription fee is pre-paid for the period of time covered by the gift. However, gift subscriptions should not affect the analysis of injury and damages. Gift subscriptions purchased before May 19, 2005 are not part of the Class. Thus, although a gift subscription purchased after May 19, 2005 may not benefit from a drop in price during the period of the gift, the gift purchaser would suffer an injury to the extent that the initial price of the gift subscription would have been lower after May 19, 2005.

(Netflix Electronic Data).

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and of dissatisfaction among consumers. Furthermore, because DVDs are mailed from a warehousing facility, not chosen directly from a store with limited space, the selection of titles is substantially wider than would be available at a particular movie rental store. The online DVD rental market has grown as a substantial market in its own right, due to a variety of factors including the nature of the rental service, the ability to select DVD rentals from a wide variety of titles, the freedom from late fees or other costs associated with the rental, the convenience and familiarity of DVD delivery and return via mail. This market differs in significant ways from other methods for watching movies, such as movie theaters, movie channels such as HBO, and others. Market analysts and commentators have generally referred to the "Online DVD Rental Market" as a separate and growing market. If I also note that the price changes that occurred during the period from April 2004 through the Summer of 2005 by Netflix, Blockbuster and Wal-Mart appear to have been primarily, if not entirely, related to the events in the online DVD rental market, not changes in competition from other forms of video entertainment.

### B. Netflix, Wal-Mart, and Blockbuster

16. Defendant Netflix was founded in 1997 by Reed Hastings and Marc Randolph to rent and sell DVDs online. Initially, the products offered were similar to in-store rentals in that consumers would pay a fee to rent a DVD for a certain amount of time and additional fees were charged for keeping the DVD longer. In late 1999, however, a monthly subscription plan was introduced where the subscriber could rent four DVDs at a time with no late fees or due dates. While Netflix has introduced additional plans that allow for more or fewer DVDs out at a time, the basic, flat fee, no due date, no late fee, model has not changed since 1999. During this

<sup>15 &</sup>quot;Blockbuster Drops Late Fees," CNNmoney.com, December 14, 2004.

<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., "The outlook for online DVD rental: A strategic analysis of the US and European markets," Adams Media Research, 2005.

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- 17 Netflix, Inc.- Company History, http://www.fundinguniverse.com/company-histories/Netflix-Inc-23 Company-History.html, accessed February 12, 2010.
- 24 18 Netflix's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, p. 10.
- 19 Netflix's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, pp. 2, 11-12. 25
  - 20 Wal-Mart's 2003 Annual Report, p. 18; Wal-Mart's 2009 Annual Report, pp. 7, 14.
  - 21 See http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune500/2009/full list/, for 2009 rankings, and http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune500/, for previous years' rankings.

receive lower prices on the large amounts of DVDs it purchased in return for sharing a portion of the rental revenue with the studio. <sup>17</sup> In 2002, Netflix became a publicly traded company.

period, Netflix began to sign revenue-sharing agreements with large studios by which it would

- 17. By the end of 2002, Netflix claimed over one million subscribers, 14,500 movie titles available for rent and had 18 distribution and shipping centers to fill orders. Its most common plan was \$19.95 a month for three DVDs at a time and unlimited total rentals with no late fees or due dates and free shipping. Revenues were over \$150 million. 18 By the end of 2004, Netflix reported over 2.6 million subscribers, 35,000 DVD titles, 30 shipping centers and \$500 million in revenues (see Appendix C Exhibit 3). 19
- 18. Defendant Wal-Mart is generally regarded as the largest and most successful retailer in the United States. In 2003, Wal-Mart made \$245 billion in global sales and \$204 billion in U.S. sales. By 2009, it reported \$401 billion in global sales and \$303 billion in U.S. sales. 20 Wal-Mart has been ranked first or second on the Fortune 500 rankings of the largest American companies (in terms of revenues) every year since 1999. 21 Wal-Mart began testing the online DVD rental business model in October 2002 and rolled out its nation-wide unlimited DVD rental subscription plans in June 2003. At the time, Netflix and Wal-Mart were the only two nation-wide, non-niche providers of an online subscription based DVD rental service. Wal-Mart subscribers could select from three different plans: two DVDs at a time for \$15.54, three

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1	for \$18.76 and four for \$21.94. At the time, Wal-Mart had over 13,000 titles and at least six
	distribution centers. <sup>22</sup>
2	distribution centers.
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6	19. Wal-Mart has a reputation for strong price competition, low prices, and a commitment to be the
7	lowest-priced competitor in every market it enters. Wal-Mart was regarded as a "massive
8	company with enough resources to withstand a long, drawn-out price war" in the online DVD
9	rental market. <sup>26</sup> It was reported that "[w]ith Wal-Mart's entry into [the] market, investors are
0	likely to grow even more jittery about Netflix's prospects. Wal-Mart is well-known for opening
1	its gigantic stores in areas saturated with established retailers and still succeeding in siphoning
2	off business by severely undercutting prices." <sup>27</sup>
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4	<sup>28</sup> Competition from Wal-Mart in the growing online DVD rental
5	market presented a threat to Netflix's online DVD rental business and industry analysts and
6	commentators recognized that Wal-Mart had the potential to be a significant competitor to
17	Netflix. For example, in regards to competition with Netflix, the media stated that "Wal-Mart is
8	an adversary that has the ability to mount a steady, relentless attack."29
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20	22 "Wal-Mart Rolls Out New Online DVD Rental Plan of \$15.54 a Month," Wal-Mart Press Release, June 10, 2003.
21	23 WMHOe-100779-003-00003490 at 3493.
22	24 WMHOe-770047-019-00000135 at 135.
23	25 WMHOe-100772-001-00003839 at 3839.
24	26 David Jackson, "Wal-Mart (WMT) teams up with Netflix (NFLX); Blockbuster Online (BBI) test higher prices," Seeking Alpha, May 19, 2005.
25	27 Sandeep Junnarkar, "Wal-Mart cues up a rival to Netflix," CNET News.com, October 15, 2002.
26	28 WMHOe-100779-002-00001632 at 1639.
27	29 Nicholas Thompson, "Netflix Uses Speed to Fend Off Wal-Mart Challenge," <i>The New York Times</i> , September 29, 2003.

1	20. Blockbuster Inc. ("Blockbuster") operates a chain of video rental stores in the United States
2	and other countries. In August 2004, the company entered into the online DVD rental market in
3	the United States with Blockbuster Online. In March 2005, Blockbuster Online reported
4	750,000 subscribers and planned to invest heavily in the service in order to reach two million
5	subscribers by the beginning of 2006. <sup>30</sup> As a leading provider of in-store rentals, Blockbuster
6	had the advantage of a large base of customers that could be converted into subscribers.
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8	21. While other online DVD rental services, mainly offering niche movies, have opened for
9	business in the past decade, Netflix, Blockbuster and Wal-Mart were the three primary
10	providers in the online DVD rental market until Wal-Mart exited the market.31 At that point,
11	the online DVD rental market became a two-firm market and remains a two-firm market today.
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13	C. Market Concentration and Barriers to Entry into the Online DVD Rental Market
14	22. Until Wal-Mart's entry in 2003, Netflix faced little competition in the online DVD rental
15	market.
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17	some accounts, at the end of 2004, Netflix had a 78 percent share of the online DVD rental
18	market. <sup>33</sup> At the time Wal-Mart exited the market, Netflix possessed a dominant share of the
19	market.
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22	30 Blockbuster, Inc.'s Form-10K for the period ending December 31, 2004, p. 5.
23	31 "Online Segment Driving Worldwide Movie Rental Market," Koncept Analytics, November 2008.
24	(Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 176).
25	32 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00002919 at 2927-8.
26	33 "Overall report on the economic analysis of the MEDIANET project- Version 2.0," Multimedia Networking IST-Project: FP6-507452, Information Society Technologies, MediaNet, May 9, 2005, p.
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easily converted to an alternate use and therefore constitute a sunk cost. Patents filed by Netflix that potentially rendered various processes of online DVD rental proprietary, including the overall concept, also represented entry barriers.<sup>34</sup> Reed Hastings, the CEO of Netflix, attested to the existence of barriers to entry in his statement: "Netflix represents online rentals to the public – that's why being first is forever an advantage. Let's put it this way: The technology is a \$200 million barrier; the brand and customer base is probably twice that."35 The existence of barriers to entry allowed the online DVD rental market to maintain its high level of concentration. As a result, subscribers have had limited ability to avoid the impact of higher prices that resulted from collusive behavior among competitors.

23. Barriers to entry have existed in the online DVD rental market. For example, the need to mail

DVDs anywhere in the country in a short amount of time meant that entry into the market

required a firm to build multiple distribution centers located throughout the country and to

invest in the technology to fulfill shipments at low cost. These distribution centers could not be

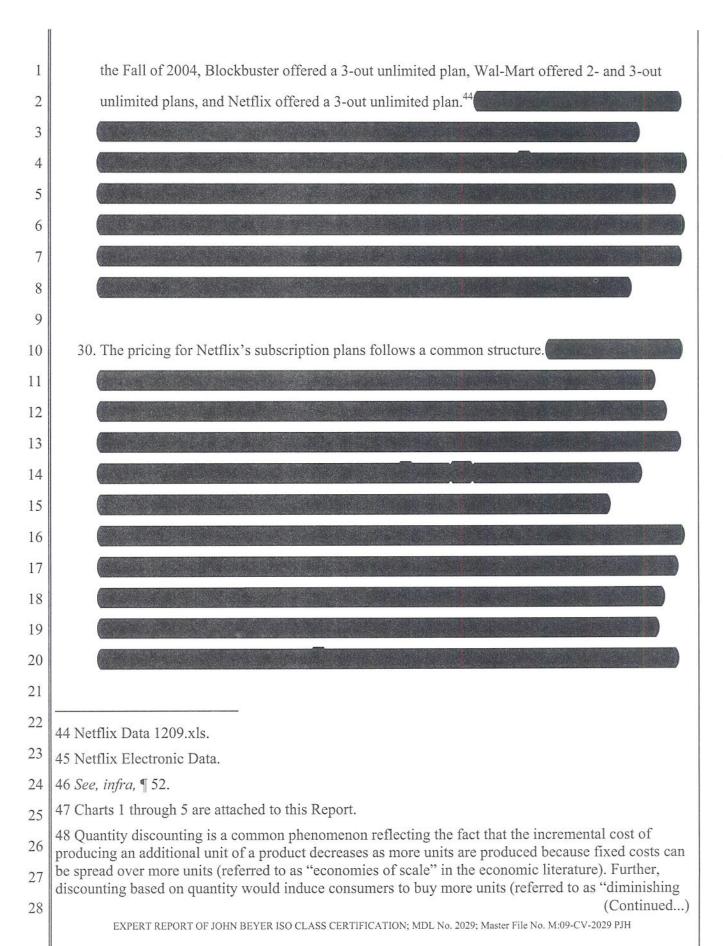
24. As of December 2004, other than Netflix, only Wal-Mart and Blockbuster had overcome these barriers to entry. Wal-Mart had rapidly grown a distribution network and DVD library and had taken steps towards building brand awareness. Blockbuster had built-in brand awareness due to its long history in the in-store retail market and was rolling out a national distribution network and larger library. Wal-Mart's exit from the online DVD rental market eliminated one of only three nation-wide competitors that had largely overcome the high entry barriers. The barriers to

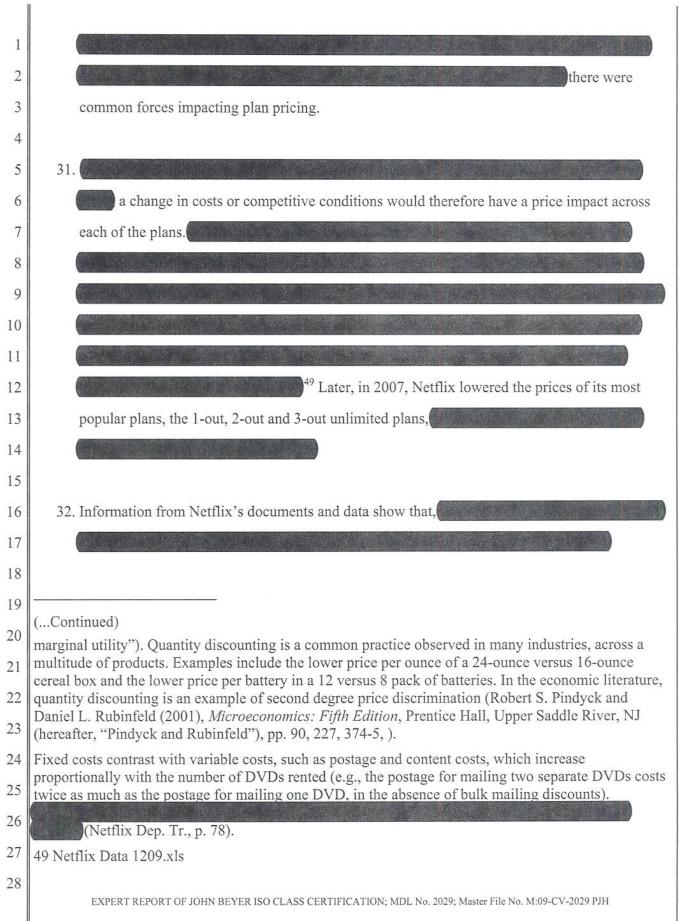
<sup>34</sup> Licensing and legal fees as well as investment in the technology to circumvent existing patent constitute costs that act as barriers to entry (Dennis W. Carlton and Jeffrey M. Perloff (2005), Modern Industrial Organization: Fourth Edition, Pearson: Addison-Wesley, Boston (hereafter, "Carlton and Perloff"), p. 77). Blockbuster and Netflix settled patent litigation in 2007 concerning Netflix's patent for a system for placing movie selections in a queue and charging a subscription fee for renting from that queue ("Blockbuster Settles Fight with Netflix," The New York Times, June 28, 2007).

<sup>35</sup> Fast Company interview with Reed Hastings, December 2005, (http://www.fastcompany.com/resources/customers-netflix.html).

1	entry have been sufficiently formidable that despite Netflix's high profits, 36 no other
2	competitors entered the market to compete with Netflix.
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4	D. Pricing in the Online DVD Rental Market
5	i. Within Each Subscription Plan, Nearly All Netflix Customers Pay the Same Price
6	25. Monthly prices for a particular online DVD rental subscription plan are nation-wide <sup>37</sup>
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9	The subscription price for each plan
10	was a single, nation-wide price that was identical for all subscribers throughout the country.
11	Netflix subscribers pre-pay only for the upcoming month of service and can cancel their
12	membership at any time, as well as re-join at any time, without incurring additional charges.
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19	(Netflix Data 1209.xls and Netflix Dept Tr., Exhibit 10, cited as
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21	(Netflix Electronic Data; <i>See also</i> NETFLIX MINTZ 00007330 at 7349).
22	38 Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 287.
23	39 (Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 288).
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26	(see Exhibit C-1 in Appendix C). 41 Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 288.
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28	Tr., pp. 288-294). Beginning in October 2008, Netflix added an additional surcharge to the base price (Continued)
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6	For example, Netflix increased the price of is 3-out plan from \$19.95 per month
7	to \$21.99 per month on June 15, 2004.
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11	28. The nation-wide nature of the service and pricing policies mean that any subscription price
12	changes to a plan would impact all subscribers on that plan in the same manner without regard
13	to any individual characteristics. In particular, had the price competition that began in the Fall
14	of 2004 between Netflix, Wal-Mart and Blockbuster continued through 2005 and thereafter,
15	any lower prices charged by Netflix resulting from that competition would have benefitted
16	essentially all Netflix subscribers.
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18	ii. Online DVD Rental Subscription Plans Are Close Substitutes for One Another
19	29. Online DVD rental subscription plans differ by the number of DVDs a subscriber may rent at
20	one time (or with some plans, the total number of rentals a month). Netflix, Wal-Mart and
21	Blockbuster had at least one offering in the popular 1-out, 2-out, or 3-out unlimited plans. 43 In
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24	of plans allowing for Blu-ray disc rentals. (Netflix Electronic Data).
25	42 Netflix Dep. Tr., pp. 287-90.
26	43 Netflix stated that the focus of the business has  (Netflix Dep. Tr., pp. 56-77, 82).
27	(Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 56).
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18	34. Because of inter-plan switching, Netflix would be reluctant to lower the price of only the 2- and
19	3-out plan. If outside competition forced Netflix to lower prices for the 3-out plan, a
20	corresponding change would generally have been necessary for the remaining subscription
21	plans. This nature of competition was explicitly recognized by Carl Shapiro, the Deputy
22	Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice Antitrust Division. <sup>51</sup> For example, if
23	products A and C compete with each other and products B and C compete with each other, one
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25	50 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00003468 at 3493.
<ul><li>26</li><li>27</li></ul>	51 Carl Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division U.S. Department of Justice, Speech before the Fall Forum, Antitrust Section of the ABA, November 12, 2009 (http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/speeches/251858.htm).

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can conclude that products A and B compete because of the common link with product C. A decrease in the price of product A will cause consumers to move from product C to product A, forcing prices to be lower on product C. The lower price for product C then forces the prices for product B to respond. In this manner all three products are linked. This same theory applies directly to the online DVD rental market where the only significant differentiating factor between plans is the number of movies that subscribers can have "out" at a time.

on all Netflix subscribers, regardless of the plan they purchased. The exact amount of the impact might vary from plan to plan, but the fact of economic impact would not change. As described in a later section, any change in the amount of damages sustained by purchasers of different plans can be accounted for by methods that are common to the Class.

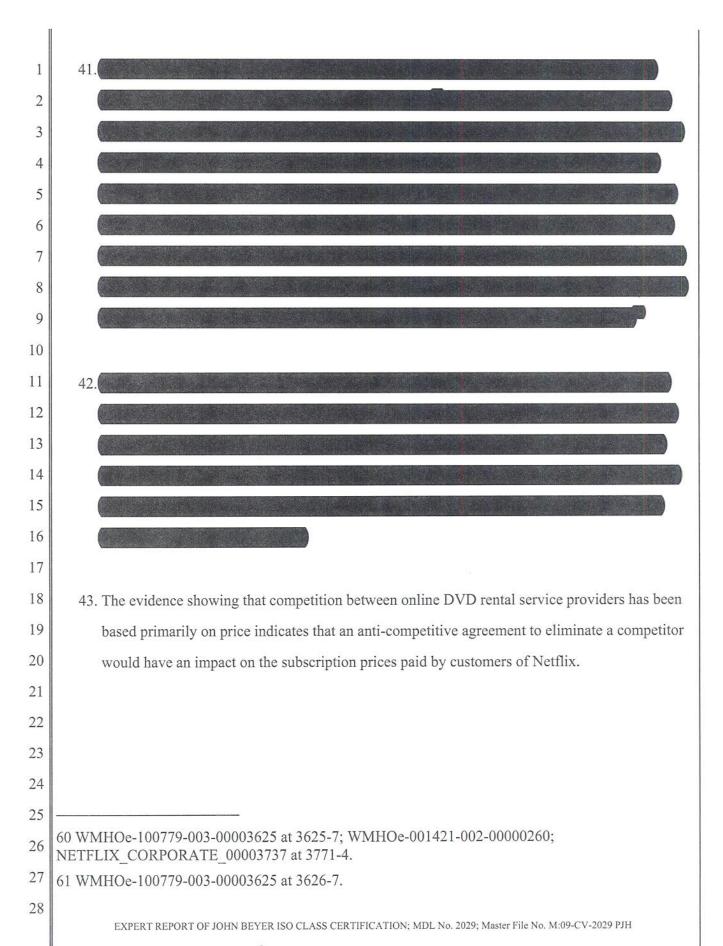
## IV. ANTITRUST INJURY WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON A CLASS-WIDE BASIS BY PROOF THAT IS COMMON TO THE CLASS

36. The effect of the elimination of Wal-Mart as a competitor in the online DVD rental market on the Class can be analyzed using evidence and methods that are common to the Class. These methods include examining: (i) pricing decisions before and after the negotiation and ultimate finalization of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement, and (ii) profit margins before and after the negotiation and finalization of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement. These analyses show that the reduction in competition caused by the alleged unlawful Market Allocation Agreement resulted in prices charged by Netflix to its subscribers that were higher than those that would have existed otherwise, resulting in negative economic impact on the Class. The existence of impact is confirmed by the academic literature regarding strategic

<sup>52</sup> See, supra, ¶ 26.

1 competition relevant to the online DVD rental market. This evidence of impact is common to 2 the Class as a whole. 3 4 A. Online DVD Rental Service Providers Compete on Price 5 37. The primary competitors in the online DVD rental market offer the same DVDs sent to the 6 consumer in the same manner. The DVDs are packaged in a mailing sleeve without any 7 accompanying advertisements or media with printed information providing a brief description 8 of the title. Besides the design of the envelope carrying the sleeve, DVDs of the same titles sent 9 from different online DVD rental providers are exactly the same. 10 <sup>53</sup> Thus, not only were the product offerings by 11 12 the competitors in this market the same, online DVD rental services also face similar cost 13 components. Input costs include the cost of purchasing the DVD libraries, including any revenue sharing with the studios, the costs of postage for shipping the DVDs to customers and 14 15 the cost of running the fulfillment centers. 16 38. The substantially commoditized nature of online DVD rental services is confirmed by the 17 18 limited opportunities firms have to differentiate themselves from each other. Online DVD rental services may try to differentiate themselves on a number of factors such as the number of 19 distribution centers for faster delivery times and the number of titles available or additional 20 features available on the website, but these factors may not be significant and in general are 21 22 only temporary. 23 24 25 26 53 NETFLIX CORPORATE 00006689 at 6699. 27 54 NETFLIX CORPORATE 00006689 at 6740. 28

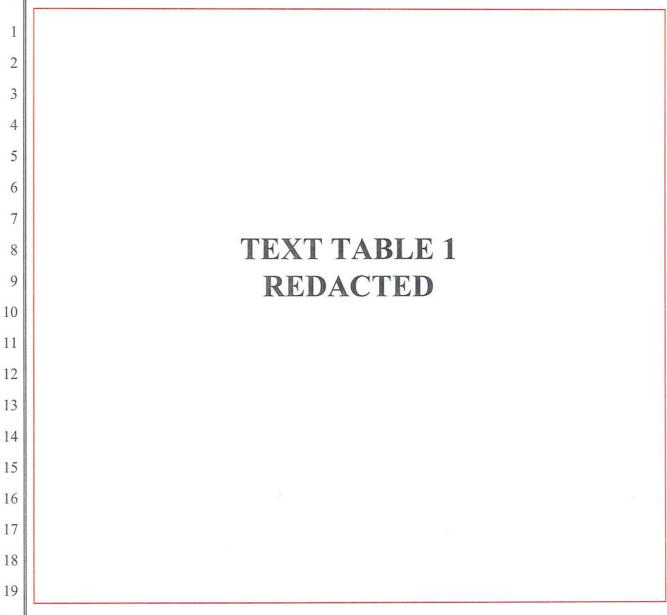
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4	39. In addition to the similar services provided by online DVD rental firms, customers had the
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6	each month for the service, and may terminate or change plans at any time without losing any
7	more than the pre-paid monthly amount. Similarly, customers can re-join the service without
8	incurring additional fees over the cost of the monthly subscription.
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10	40. The transparent pricing, lack of significant differentiation of the product, and the ease of the
11	substitutability of one firm's product for another are all characteristics of a commodity product
12	where competition is based primarily on price. 56 Although discovery in the case is not
13	complete, there is a body of evidence supporting the conclusion that the online DVD rental
14	market is typical of other commodity products, and, as such, competes primarily on price.
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25	56 Carlton and Perloff, p. 200.
26	57 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00004859 at 4890.
27	58 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00003468 at 3492; NETFLIX_MINTZ_00007330 at 7351-22.
28	59 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_R_00003407 at 3411.
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# B. Pricing Decisions Before and After the Negotiation of the Alleged Market Allocation Agreement Present Common Evidence of Antitrust Injury

- 44. Below, I discuss the price changes for the 3-out plan that occurred before, during and after the period of three-firm competition by Netflix, Blockbuster and Wal-Mart. The 3-out subscription plan is Netflix's most popular plan, but, as discussed above, price changes had an impact across all plans.
- 45. During the period from January 2002 through May 2004, Netflix never altered its price. On April 16, 2004, Netflix announced that it would increase its 3-out price from \$19.95 to \$21.99 beginning on June 15, 2004.<sup>62</sup> Netflix continued to charge this price for the next several months (see Text Table 1).





46. Wal-Mart entered the online DVD rental market in June 2003 and charged \$18.76 for its 3-out plan. In August 2004, Blockbuster entered the online DVD rental market with a plan allowing subscribers to have three DVDs out at one time, as well as two free in-store rentals. It charged \$19.99 for this plan. On October 14, 2004, Netflix announced its decision to lower prices on its 3-out plan to \$17.99 beginning on November 1, 2004, well below the \$21.99 price it was

previously charging for this plan. 63 Following Netflix's announcement, Blockbuster announced 1 a reduction in its price to \$17.49 on October 15, 2004. Wal-Mart then intensified the 2 3 competitive pressure and reduced its price for its 3-out plan to \$17.36 per month on November 2, 2004. 4 5 47. In December 2004, Blockbuster again reduced its price for the 3-out plan, this time to \$14.99, 6 stating that the price reduction was made because its "largest competitor made a significant 7 price reduction."64 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 48. It was during this time frame in October 2004 and this period of intensified competition that the 15 CEO of Netflix sought a meeting with the CEO of Wal-Mart.com. After the meetings between 16 Netflix and Wal-Mart began in October 2004, Netflix did not further decrease its prices in 17 response to competition. Negotiations between the two companies intensified in late February 18 and early March 2005, after which neither Netflix nor Wal-Mart changed their prices further. 19 20 21 63 According to Netflix, it lowered its price in order to "focus on defending its market leadership position in the online movie rental subscription business in the United States, in anticipation of increased competition from new market entrants" (Netflix's Form 10-Q Quarterly Report filed 23 November 9, 2004, p. 14.). 64 Q2 2005 Blockbuster Earnings conference call, August 9, 2005. 24 65 NETFLIX\_CORPORATE\_00006689 at 6698, NETFLIX\_CORPORATE\_00003029 at 3084. 25 66 26 27 67 NETFLIX CORPORATE\_00003029 at 3101.

1	As discussed earlier, a was reached by March 17, 2005 by which Wal-Mart
2	agreed to exit the business and this was officially announced in May of 2005.68 Market analysts
3	who studied the online DVD rental market during the period after Wal-Mart's announcement
4	concluded that the exit of Wal-Mart would mark a diminution in competition in this market:
5	"the competitive environment may improve faster than earlier expected"69
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9	49. The pricing behavior that followed the negotiation and ultimate finalization of the alleged
10	Market Allocation Agreement differed from the pricing behavior that preceded it. When Wal-
11	Mart was effectively removed as a competitive force from the marketplace, pricing in the
12	online DVD rental market fundamentally changed. Following the onset of these negotiations,
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14	After Wal-Mart's exit, Blockbuster raised its
15	prices to match those of Netflix. The world before the alleged Market Allocation Agreement
16	with three competitors was characterized by active price movements as the three firms
17	competed against one another. Price competition was reduced in the two-firm market that
18	followed the negotiation and finalization of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement.
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20	50. This outcome and its impact upon prices are consistent with economic literature and principles
21	that apply to this market. Economic literature confirms that in markets that compete on price
22	(named Bertrand competition after the economist who first formally characterized this type of
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25	68 NETFLIX_BECKER_00229140 at 9140-1.
26	69 See, e.g., Nat Worden, "More Tailwinds for Netflix," TheStreet.com, June 27, 2005.
	70 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_R_00003573 at 3700.
27	71 Netflix Data 1209.xls

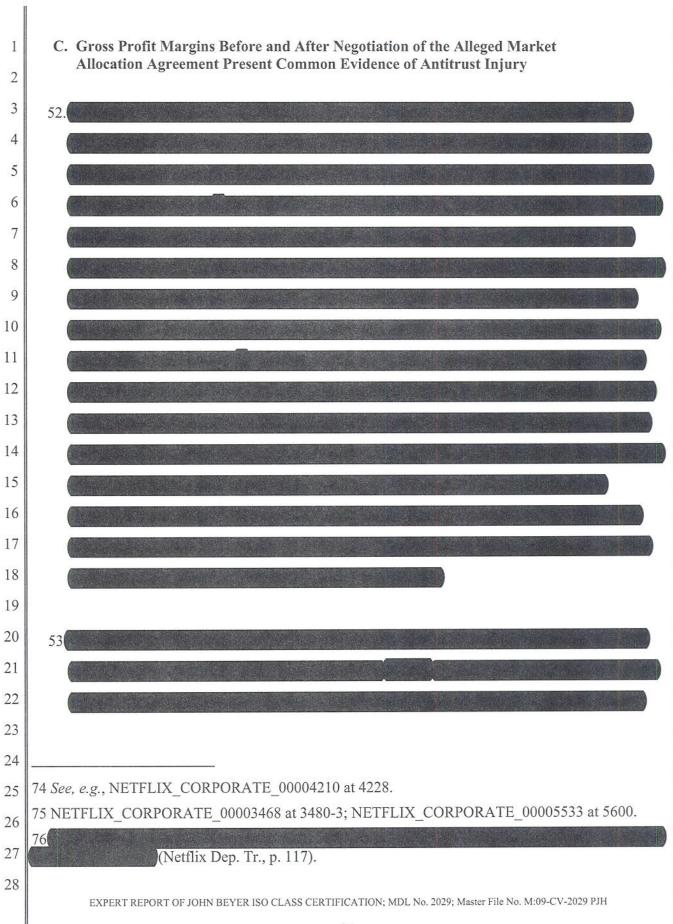
market), there is the potential for differences between two-, three-, and four-firm markets. Compared to three-firm markets, those with only two participants tend to reach stable prices at higher levels because the removal of the third firm allows for tacit (as opposed to overt) collusion to be reached more quickly. The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice merger guidelines expressly recognize that the presence of a maverick firm, even if it holds a small share, can effectively prevent coordinated pricing (whether tacit or explicit). Wal-Mart, with deep resources and commitment (prior to the alleged Market Allocation Agreement) to being the low cost leader is the type of price maverick referenced by the merger guidelines.

51. Comparing price behavior before and after the negotiation and finalization of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement presents evidence that Netflix's pricing decisions, and the marketplace conditions that influenced them, were affected by the alleged Market Allocation Agreement. This, when combined with the other evidence described below, leads to the conclusion that removing Wal-Mart as a competitor in the online DVD rental market resulted in prices to Netflix subscribers that were higher than would have resulted in a "but for" competitive environment in which both Wal-Mart and Blockbuster, rather than only Blockbuster, were competitors to Netflix. This economic evidence of impact and antitrust injury is common to the Class.

21 72 See infra no

<sup>72</sup> See, infra, note 84.

<sup>73</sup> The Guidelines provide that "[i] n some circumstances, coordinated interaction can be effectively prevented or limited by maverick firms -- firms that have a greater economic incentive to deviate from the terms of coordination than do most of their rivals (e.g., firms that are unusually disruptive and competitive influences in the market). Consequently, acquisition of a maverick firm is one way in which a merger may make coordinated interaction more likely, more successful, or more complete. For example, in a market where capacity constraints are significant for many competitors, a firm is more likely to be a maverick the greater is its excess or divertible capacity in relation to its sales or its total capacity, and the lower are its direct and opportunity costs of expanding sales in the relevant market." *Horizontal Merger Guidelines*, U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission, April 8, 1997, § 2.12.



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4	54. An accepted approach to measuring economic and antitrust impact arising from an event in the
5	market is to compare gross profit margins of major competitors before that event with gross
6	profit margins after that event, controlling for other events and phenomena that may be
7	responsible for any change in gross profit margins. Gross profit divided by revenue yields the
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27	77 Netflix 2006 Annual Report, p. 27. See also Netflix Dep. Tr., p. 114.
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56. The change in Netflix's gross profit margins before and after the alleged Market Allocation agreement constitutes evidence of the anticompetitive impact of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement. Likewise, it shows that prices for Netflix subscribers following the alleged Market Allocation Agreement were higher than they would have been but for the Agreement. Absent the alleged Market Allocation Agreement, it is reasonable to conclude that gross profit margins, and the corresponding prices, would have been lower and that subscribers would have paid a lower price. This is further evidence of economic impact and injury that is common to the Class and indicates injury to the entire Class.

## D. Market Structure and Strategic Competition

57. The economic field of industrial organization examines the structure of markets and the behavior and interactions of firms within an industry. On the two extremes are industries which can be described as perfectly competitive, where many firms produce the same product, firms earn zero profits and prices are competed down to the cost of production; and monopolistic, where one firm serves the entire market, earns a monopoly profit and charges supra-competitive prices. Market conditions, such as the level of concentration, barriers facing potential entrants, and the nature of demand for, and supply of, the products or services, provide insights about the competitive process in the market and determine whether an industry is closer to one extreme or the other. Industrial organization models hold meaningful insights into the incentives faced by firms and produce useful predictions about conduct and subsequent performance.

<sup>78</sup> Carlton and Perloff, pp. 1-10.

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appear to hold when there are only two firms. In contrast, during the brief period from August 2004 to October 2004, where there were three national players, the market was competitive. As discussed above, Netflix, Wal-Mart, and Blockbuster engaged in a series of price cuts that industry commentators and Netflix described as a 'hold of the series of price cuts that with price discounting that one would expect to see under Bertrand competition. If uninterrupted and allowed to run its course, the competition would have inevitably driven prices down to the cost of supplying the market.

63. There is evidence that Netflix itself recognized such a possibility.

Netflix's CEO, Reed Hastings, stated to investment analysts in 2005 that "...If there are only two major players, Blockbuster and Netflix, the profitability may be substantial like other two-firm entertainment markets. If, on the other hand, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Blockbuster and Netflix are all major competitors in online rental, then profits are likely to be small." The fact that a high ranking officer of Netflix recognized the impact of a two-firm market rather than a three or more firm market confirms that the impact of reducing the market to two competitors did in fact have a significant impact on profits and price.

86 NETFLIX\_CORPORATE\_00006689 at 6755, "Wal-Mart, Netflix agree on DVD deal," ZDNet.com, May 19, 2005.

24 87 See, supra, notes 56 and 58.

88 Complaint, ¶ 52. Amazon.com, Inc. ("Amazon") is a large online retailer with a presence in online markets and resources for competition in online markets. In 2004, Amazon began renting DVDs online in the United Kingdom and contemplated entry into the U.S. online DVD rental market. However, Amazon never entered the U.S. online DVD rental market (Mike Masnick, "Amazon Quietly Dumps DVD Rental Business; Guess Netflix Isn't So Easy to Beat," Techdirt.com, February 5, 2008).

64. The elimination of Wal-Mart from the market thus changed the structure of the market from a three firm market to a two firm market, reducing the pressure to lower prices. Well-accepted economic models of market competition in oligopolies, such as the online DVD rental market, confirm that this change in market structure and reduction in competitive dynamic produces lowered competition and therefore higher prices than would have existed in a "but for" market. This impacts all members of the Class in a common, rather than individualized, manner.

# V. DAMAGES WILL BE ESTIMATED USING ECONOMIC MODELS THAT APPLY TO THE ENTIRE CLASS

- 65. There are two components to antitrust damages. One component is the extent to which actual prices per unit with the alleged anticompetitive conduct are higher than the prices estimated to have prevailed absent the anticompetitive conduct (called but-for prices). This difference can be expressed in absolute terms (dollars/units) or percentage terms. This component is often called the overcharge.
- 66. The second component of damages is the quantum of purchases by the proposed Class, either in units or dollars.

  The quantum of purchases may vary among Class members (for example, one subscriber purchases for four months while another subscriber purchased for 21 months).
- 67. Multiplying the estimated overcharge percentage by the dollar value of purchases yields the damage estimate for the entire Class. The remaining paragraphs of this Report are focused on feasible methodologies for estimating the overcharge. It is my understanding that the actual estimation of the overcharge will occur in the subsequent (merits) phase of this matter.
- 68. Comparison of actual and but-for prices during the alleged anticompetitive period provides the overcharges incurred by consumers during this period. Based on my analysis thus far of the

online DVD rental market, I have identified two approaches that are common to the Class for determining the damages on a Class-wide basis. These are: (i) the price-cost margin approach and (ii) a competitive price benchmark utilizing Netflix, Wal-Mart and Blockbuster price data. Purchases made by Class members during the Class period can be identified through the electronic transactions data provided by Netflix. Multiplying these purchases by the overcharge percentage (the difference between the actual and but-for price) would yield a Class-wide estimate of the total damages attributable to Defendants' alleged Market Allocation Agreement.

#### A. The Price-Cost Margin Approach Can Be Used to Determine Damages on a Classwide Basis

69. The price-cost margin of a firm, defined as the price less marginal cost<sup>89</sup> divided by the price, has been used in the economic literature to examine market power.<sup>90</sup> The price-cost margin can be used to examine whether anticompetitive behavior is associated with an increase in the price a firm charges relative to its costs.<sup>91</sup> Comparing price-cost margins in the period during which three firms competed and after the alleged Market Allocation Agreement would yield a percentage overcharge that can be used to determine Class-wide damages suffered by the Class as a result of the alleged Market Allocation Agreement.<sup>92</sup>

<sup>89</sup> Marginal cost is the incremental cost associated with producing one additional unit of product. This can be estimated by using variable costs, as reported in accounting data ("Econometrics: Legal Practical, and Technical Issues," *ABA Section of Antitrust Law*, 2005, pp. 331-5).

<sup>90</sup> W. Kip Viscusi, Joseph E. Harrington, and John M. Vernon (2005), *Economics of Regulation and Antitrust, Fourth Edition*, The MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, pp. 215-6.

<sup>91 &</sup>quot;Econometrics: Legal Practical, and Technical Issues," ABA Section of Antitrust Law, 2005, pp. 212-3.

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1	B. The But-For Price Benchmark Approach Can Also Be Used to Estimate the Overcharge on a Class-wide Basis
2	Over charge on a class wide basis
3	73. As shown in the preceding sections of this Report, the presence of both Wal-Mart and
4	Blockbuster in the online DVD rental market resulted in price competition with Netflix. In
5	particular, by December 2004, Blockbuster had reduced its price for the 3-out plan to \$14.99 and
6	competitive pressure existed for Netflix to respond.
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8	In January 2005, Wal-Mart
9	decreased the price for the 2-out plan although it did not decrease the price for its 3-out plan.
10	Thereafter, Wal-Mart did not decrease prices further. Thus, as in the prior months, Netflix's two
11	primary competitors, both of whom were formidable companies, had moved to lower prices for
12	competitive plans. This left Netflix in the position of being the highest priced service provider.
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16	This would have been a competitive response in
17	line with its previous price reduction that occurred with intensified competition from Wal-Mart
18	and Blockbuster. However, at this time, Netflix instead had initiated discussions with Wal-Mart
19	concerning an which allegedly led to Wal-Mart's agreement to exit the online DVD
20	rental market. 96 The Plaintiffs maintain that these discussions affected the price decisions by
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26	Tr., pp. 156, 188-93. See also note 40, supra, NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00006689 at 6698; NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00003737 at 3774-5).
27	96 NETFLIX_HASTINGS_00000120 at 122.
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1	75. This suggests that a potential but-for price benchmark would be the
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3	of its discussions and agreement with Wal-Mart by which Wal-Mart would exit the online DVD
4	rental market. Further investigation may reveal either that this but-for benchmark should be
5	modified or that a different but-for price benchmark is supported by the evidence, but in either
6	case, the evidence that would establish a but-for price benchmark would be common to the
7	Class. The if a benchmark, would apply to all customers on the
8	3-out plan since Netflix charges the same prices to customers on the same plan. For reasons
9	discussed above, price changes would also affect and apply to all plans. 97 A formula based upon
10	the cost and price differences normally maintained between the plans could be developed that
11	would determine damages for the entire Class.
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13	76. The but-for benchmark price may well have been lower than As described
14	above, under Bertrand competition with homogeneous products and no tacit collusion, the
15	equilibrium price is equal to marginal cost. <sup>98</sup>
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17	While it is premature at this time, given the limited discovery, to determine
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19	97 See, supra, ¶¶ 25-35.
20	98 See, supra, ¶¶ 57-64.
21	99 NETFLIX_CORPORATE_00003737 at 3772. In the 2004 to 2005 time period the Wal-Mart and Blockbuster online DVD rental offerings were not yet perfect substitutes for Netflix. While they all
22	offered the same movies, from the same studios, and had comparable-sized libraries, Netflix had a head start in building the distribution network and obtaining scale economies. This gave Netflix a more
23	rapid "turn" rate (the amount of time between a customer dropping a return movie in the mailbox and
24	receiving the next movie in his or her queue). Models of Bertrand competition that take into account quality differences between the product offerings of the competitors are consistent with a price above
25	marginal cost (See, e.g., Jean Tirole (1988), Theory of Industrial Organization, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, pp. 296-298).
26	Over time, as Blockbuster and Wal-Mart lowered their costs, the Netflix (and market) price would
27	move down. Eventually, all three would have nearly identical offerings and cost structures. At this point the price would reflect the standard Bertrand, perfectly competitive outcome. Therefore, a but-for
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exactly what a continuing but-for price benchmark would be, the evidence that does exist confirms that the evidence of such a benchmark would be common to the Class and that a formula could readily be devised to determine damages using a methodology common to the entire Class.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

77. Based upon all of the foregoing, it is my opinion that proof of economic impact or injury common to the Class exists and can be used to establish that the alleged Market Allocation Agreement between Defendants Netflix and Wal-Mart produced economic injury to all or nearly Class members. Further, it is my opinion that there exist feasible and manageable methods to determine damages suffered by the Class in a reasonably reliable manner.

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benchmark of that remains constant throughout the class period rather than decline over time towards the Bertrand equilibrium would result in a conservative estimate of damages.

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# Appendix A

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Ph.D., Fletcher School, 1966
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#### **EXPERIENCE SUMMARY:**

Dr. Beyer is an economist with over 40 years of experience in economic policy research and analysis in developing countries and applied microeconomics analysis in the United States. For the period 1978-2008, he served as president of Nathan Associates and recently became Chairman. His economic policy analysis has focused on the impacts of structural adjustment, foreign exchange and trade liberalization, and changes in domestic pricing, taxes, and related regulations. He has carried out assignments for key government agencies in several Asian countries, including Indonesia, India and Nepal.

Dr. Beyer has conducted microeconomic analysis, particularly in relation to competition (antitrust), the impact of tax changes on firms, and the effects of deregulation on industries (air transport, communications, and natural gas). He has designed and implemented short-term training programs and seminars in economic analysis and is an adjunct professor at The American University.

### EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Associates Inc., Arlington, Virginia, September 2008-present

President, Nathan Associates Inc., Arlington, Virginia, June 1978-September 2008

United States 2008-present	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of Roundup herbicide. In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Case No. SA07CA0673OLG.
United States 2008	Expert witness on behalf of a class of managers of pension funds, 401(K) plans, and related investment vehicles who purchased annuities from Nationwide. In the United States District Court, District of Connecticut, Case No. 01-CV-1552.
India 2008-present	Economic consultant to various private corporations in India.
Egypt 2007-2008	Technical assistance to the Egyptian Competition Authority, for the U.S. Agency for International Development.
United States 2007-present	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of ready mix concrete in the Central Indiana area. United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, Case No. 1:05-cv-00979-SEB-JMS.
United States 2007-present	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiff T3 Technologies, a mainframe company. United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Case No. 06-13565-LAK.
United States 2007-present	Expert witness on behalf of southeast dairy farmers. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Greeneville Division. Case No. 8-1000.
United States 2007-present	Expert witness on behalf of class of marine hose purchasers. United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division. Case No. 08-1888.
United States 2007-2008	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiff in Aspartame Antitrust Litigation. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Master Docket No. 06-1732-LLD.
Canada 2007-present	Expert witness on behalf of class of Canadian purchasers of hydrogen peroxide. Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No.: 47025/05.
United States 2007-2008	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiff of MMA. In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Civil Action No. 06-MD-1768.
United States 2007-2008	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiff of Morris & Dickson. In the U.S. District Court Western Division of Louisiana, Shreveport Louisiana, Civil Action No. CV05-2147S.

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United States 2006-2008	Retained by plaintiffs to provide economic expert witness testimony regarding certification of class in the alleged price-fixing conspiracy in the Oriented Strand Board (OSB) market. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Master File No. 06-CV-00826(PSD).
United States 2006-2008	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiff of pulse oximetry. In the U.S. District Court of Central District of California, Western Division, Master File No. CV-05-6419.
United States 2005-2008	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of hydrogen peroxide. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL No. 1682 (Case No. 05-CV-666).
United States 2005-2008	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of foundry resins. In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MDL No. 1638; master docket no. 2:04-CV-415).
United States 2007-present	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of EPDM. In the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, Case No. 3:03 MD 1542 (PCD).
United States 2005-2008	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of <i>Thermus aquaticus</i> DNA polymerase ( <i>Taq</i> ). In the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil No. 04-1649 (HHK) (D.D.C.).
United States 2005-present	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of plastics additives. In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Master Docket No. 2:03-CV-2038 and MDL Docket No. 1684.
United States 2005-present	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of publication paper. In the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Docket No. 3:04 md 1631.
United States 2005-2007	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of light cigarettes. United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Civil Action No. CV 04-1945.
United States 2004-2006	Manager, Creating Economic Growth Opportunities in Peru (CRECER), a multi-year technical assistance project to the Government of Peru. For the U.S. Agency for International Development.
United States 2004-2007	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of bulk (extruded) graphite products. In the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Master File No. 02-CV-06030 (WHW).
United States 2004-2007	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of carbon black. In the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, Civil Action No. 03-10191-DPW, MDL Docket No. 1543.

United States 2004-2008	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of cable services in Philadelphia and Chicago. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, No. 03-6604.
United States 2003-2008	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of pressure sensitive labelstock. In the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, MDL Docket No. 1556 (No. 3:03-MDL-1556).
United States 2002-2008	Expert witness on behalf of the direct purchasers of Polyester Staple Fiber. In the U.S District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Charlotte Division, MDL Docket No: 3:03CV1516.
United States 2001-2004	Expert witness on behalf of some purchasers of microcrystalline cellulose (MCC). In the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL No. 1402.
United States 2001-2007	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of Mercedes Benz automobiles in the New York metropolitan region. In the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Master File No. 99-4311 (AMW).
United States 2001-2006	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of high pressure laminates (HPL). In the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Master File No. 00-MD-1368 (CLB).
United States 2002-2004	Expert witness on behalf of Vlasic Food International concerning an alleged fraudulent conveyance by Campbell Soup Company. In the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 02137 KAJ.
United States 2002-2004	Expert witness on behalf of a class of purchasers of long distance telephone services in an antitrust matter against the providers of these services. In the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case No. C3844.
United States 2002-2004	Expert witness on behalf of 15 independent pay telephone providers in Texas concerning an alleged monopolization by Southwestern Bell Company. In the 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Johnson County, Texas, No. C-2001-00072.
United States 2002-2003	Expert witness on behalf of producers of non-GMO corn and soybeans. (U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, Civil No. 4:01cv00070 RWS).
United States 2002-2003	Expert witness on behalf of land owners concerning right of way along fiber optic networks (In the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case No. C3844).
Jordan 2000-2004	Manager, Jordan Poverty Alleviation Project. Direct a multi-year technical assistance project to the ministries of Social Development and Labor to identify policies and programs to reduce the incidence of poverty in Jordan. For the U.S. Agency for International Development.

United States 2003	Expert witness on behalf of a class of models in an antitrust action. In the U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, Case No. 02CV6146.
United States 2000-2004	Expert witness on behalf of growers and quota holders of leaf tobacco (In the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, Greensboro Division, Case No. 00-CV-1235).
United States 2000-2003	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of MSG (In the United States District Court, District of Minnesota, MDL Docket No. 00-1328).
United States 2000-2001	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiff in a health care services antitrust matter (In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Civil Action No. 96-2861).
United States 1999-2003	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of corrugated containers (In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL No. 1261)
South Africa 1999-2005	Manager, South Africa Economic Growth Activities (SEGA). Direct a multi-year technical assistance project to various departments of the government of South Africa. For the U.S. Agency for International Development.
United States 1999-2001	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiffs Women's Health Associates, P.C., a corporation of OB/GYNs. Analysis of health care markets, determination of market power and whether an exclusive contract arrangement between a hospital and providers adversely affected competition (U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, Civil No. 3:98CV2495 (AWT).
United States 1999-2006	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of airline transport services. Analyzed economic issues related to an alleged conspiracy surrounding restrictive ticketing policies (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Case No. 96-74711 (E.D. Mich).
United States 2000-2002	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of automobiles. Analyzed the economic issues related to alleged conspiracy to raise prices via an inventory tax (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana Division, Civil Action No. 5.97 CV 273).
United States 1999-2001	Expert witness on behalf of Microbix Biosystems, Inc. Analyzed economic issues related to an exclusive supply agreement (United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Case No. MJG-97-2525).
United States 1999-2000	Expert witness on behalf of Rite Aid Corporation. Analyzed economic issues related to breech of contract to supply goods (Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Case No. 98-04896).

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United States 2000	Expert witness on behalf of Advertising Facility owners. Analyzed the economic issues related to changes in local zoning ordinances (District Court, Harris County, Texas, 281 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District, Case No. 87-000827-A).
United States 1998-2005	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of flat glass. Analyzed economic issues related to certification of the class (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, MDL No. 1200, Master File No. 97-550).
United States 1994-1998	Expert witness on behalf of Litton Systems, Inc. Analyzed harm to competition and injury to Litton and estimated damages stemming from anticompetitive behavior by Honeywell Inc. in the market for RLG inertial navigation systems for commercial jet aircraft (U.S. District Court, Central District of California, No. CV 90-4823 MRP).
United States 1999-2003	Expert witness on behalf of the equity holders of Paragon Trade Brands. Analyzed likelihood of success in on-going patent litigation and Paragon emerging from bankruptcy as a healthy business (United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case No. 98-60390, Chapter 11).
United States 1998-2001	Expert witness on behalf of Lantec, a designer and manufacturer of business software. Defined relevant product market, impact on competition, and assessed market power of defendant, Novell (U.S. District Court, District of Utah, Central Division, Case No. 95 C 97 S).
Indonesia 1997, 2003	Economic consultant to the Ministry of Industry and Trade on instituting a competition policy in Indonesia.
United States 1996	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of physician and HMO services from Marshfield Clinic, Wisconsin. Analyzed anticompetitive behavior, defined relevant markets, estimated extent of market power and defined injury (U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Case No. 96-C-592C).
United States 1995-1996	Expert witness on behalf of defendant Schumacher, manufacturer of wall coverings. Assessment of damages (U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Civil Action No. 90-3617).
United States 1994-1996	Expert witness on behalf of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin. Estimation of effect on physician fees caused by market power and conduct of a large clinic in north central Wisconsin; estimation of damages incurred due to clinic's foreclosure of competing HMOs, and estimation of damages due to agreements to allocate markets for physician services (U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, No. 94-C-0137-S).
United States 1995	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of certain agricultural chemicals. Analyzed market and industry to assess issues of common impact and potential approaches to damages (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, No. 94-40216 (MMP)

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United States 1994-1996	Expert witness on behalf of Pacific Great Lakes Corporation. Assessed impact on and estimated damages incurred by PGLC as a consequence of an understanding among certain railroads to forestall a new technology for the shipment of iron ore to Lower Lake Erie (Court of Common Pleas, County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, No. 189590).
United States 1994-1996	Expert witness on behalf of class of Kansas purchasers of infant formula. Analyzed structure, performance, and conduct of U.S. infant formula manufacturers, and estimated damages (District Court, Sedgwick County, Kansas, No. 94-C-709).
United States 1994	Expert witness on behalf of Complete Newborn Care, P.C., a corporation of neonatologists. Analysis of health care markets, determination of market power and whether a tying arrangement by a hospital adversely affected competition (U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, Civil No. 394CV00416PCD).
United States 1993-1997	Consultant to American Maritime Congress on an economic analysis of the U.S. merchant marine.
United States 1992-1996	Consultant and expert witness on behalf of purchasers of processed catfish products. Analysis regarding impact of and estimation of damages resulting from an alleged price-fixing agreement among processors of farm-raised catfish (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Delta Division, Master File No. 2:92CV073-D-O, MDL No. 928).
United States 1992-1993	Consultant and expert witness to DEVCO and related companies on 482 transfer pricing regarding purchase of professional services from an affiliated firm. U.S. Tax Court, Washington, D.C.
United States 1992-1995	Consultant and expert witness on the valuation of two life insurance companies in receivership (United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Adv. No. LA 92-01723-SB).
United States 1992-1994	Served as a consultant to two firms engaged in iron scrap processing and the export of iron scrap to Asia. Analyzed prices, profitability, and changes in supplies of raw materials.
United States 1992-1993	Expert witness on behalf of purchasers of infant formula in an antitrust matter involving the three major producers. Analyzed and conducted research on the behavior of firms in an oligopolistic industry and assessed noncompetitive behavior (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee Division, MDL Docket No. 878).
Saudi Arabia 1991-1992	Consultant to international defense engineering company concerning economic issues on subpart F taxable income and definition of transfer pricing implications for procurement of services and maintenance parts from an affiliated firm.

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United States 1987-1991	As a consultant to an international chemical products firm, examined the guidelines for transfer pricing, royalties, licensing fees, and cost allocation between U.S. parent and foreign affiliates. Also prepared economic analyses in response to tax deficiency claims by the Internal Revenue Service.
United States 1991	Expert witness on behalf of plaintiffs in an antitrust matter concerning the major air carriers in the U.S. Analyzed and conducted research on the impact of prices as a consequence of alleged joint pricing behavior by the airlines (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, No. 1:90-CV-2485-MHS and MDL No. 861).
United States 1988-1989	As a consultant and expert witness on behalf of Texas Utilities in the matter of TUC versus Santa Fe Industries, defined relevant market for coal transportation, measured market power in the relevant market, and analyzed actions by the defendant to leverage this power in the coal market (United States Court for the District of New Mexico, Civil No. 82-1419-C).
Nepal 1986-1989	As a consultant to the Asian Development Bank, directed a 2-year project to assist the Government of Nepal with improvements to its national budgeting system. Worked with Ministry of Health on long-term health care issues.
United States 1984-1989	Directed a worldwide project financed by the U.S. Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) that focused on agricultural policy issues, such as prices for agricultural commodities and production inputs, marketing, and international trade.
United States 1986-1988	Expert witness for the Decker Coal Company, estimated damages incurred by Decker Coal Co. as a result of the termination of a long-term coal contract with the City of Austin and Lower Colorado River Authority (U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, No. A-85-CA-104).
United States 1985-1988	Expert witness on behalf of the State of South Dakota, analyzed the market for Powder River Basin coal and the transportation system for moving this coal to utilities in the Gulf Coast and Southwest (State of South Dakota versus Kansas City Southern Industries, Civil Action Number 83-5046).
United States 1984-1989	Expert witness on behalf of National Steel and Sharon Steel in the Lower Lake Erie Iron Ore Antitrust Litigation, analyzed the transportation system and estimated costs for moving iron ore to steel plants on or near Lake Erie. Assessed impact and estimated damages (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL 587).
United States 1983-1985	Expert witness for Schering Corporation, estimated damages incurred by the plaintiff resulting from an alleged conspiracy to fix prices of corrugated containers and related packaging materials (U.S. District Court of New Jersey, No. 82-291).

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United States 1983	As a consultant and expert witness for the American Maritime Association, analyzed the financial and economic impacts that would result from lifting the ban on exporting Alaskan crude oil. Presented to Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate.
United States 1982-1983	As a consultant and expert witness for Kraft Inc., Aluminum Specialty Company, Metropak Containers Corporation, and Universal Packaging Corporation, analyzed industry characteristics and estimated damages incurred by the plaintiffs as a result of the alleged price fixing of corrugated containers (U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, MDL No. 310).
United States 1980	Expert witness for purchasers of corrugated containers, analyzed industry characteristics, relevant market, and assessed damages incurred by plaintiff class as a result of alleged price fixing by producers of corrugated containers (U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, MDL No. 310).
Senior Associate 1978	and Vice President, Nathan Associates Inc., Washington, D.C., January 1973-June
United States 1976-1984	As consultant for A.I.D., developed training programs in economic and financial analysis of capital projects and enterprises. Established curriculum and provided overall supervision.
United States 1977-1979	As consultant for the National Science Foundation, directed study of the public and private benefits of technological innovations in 20 industries.
United States 1975	For the Office of Technology Assessment, performed cost-benefit analyses of alternative policies for stockpiling commodities including petroleum, copper, and zinc.
Western Samoa 1975	For the Asian Development Bank and the Government of Western Samoa, provided direction and formulated recommendations for investment and policies for national development plan.
Indonesia 1974-1976	For the Government of Indonesia and the World Bank, directed Sumatra Regional Planning Project, to prepare an integrated program of specific investment projects and policies in agriculture, irrigation, air transportation, and social services for the period until 1983.

For the Coastal Plains Regional Commission, directed cost-benefit and regional economic impact analyses of the proposed construction of a deepwater petroleum transfer system and on-shore refinery complex.

United States

United States

1974

As consultant to NASA, directed study to assess criteria for space shuttle rocket manufacture in which economic models were used to evaluate alternative system,

scale, and locations for producing fuel tanks.

Thailand

As consultant to a private client, projected trade for proposed trans-isthmus Kra

1973

Canal in Thailand.

Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., August 1972-December 1972

Development Economist, The Ford Foundation, June 1970-July 1972

India

1970-1972

As consultant to the Indian Planning Commission and the Government of India, developed staff capability at the state level for investment planning and the design of an operationally useful methodology for project analysis in irrigation, forestry, and mining; project conducted by the Ford Foundation.

Economist, The Ford Foundation, Washington, D.C., May 1968-May 1970

Nepal

1968-1970

As economic adviser to the National Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance, prepared and evaluated projects for international financing and assisted with the introduction of a program budgeting system; project conducted by the Ford Foundation. Advised Government on procurement of aircraft and expansion of airport facilities.

Associate, Nathan Associates Inc., Washington, D.C., June 1966-April 1968

Indonesia

1967

As consultant to International Nickel Company, evaluated proposed infrastructure for

a large mining operation in Indonesia.

Economist

Syracuse University, Sarawak, Malaysia.

1964-1965

#### PUBLICATIONS:

#### Books

Budget Innovations in Developing Countries: The Experience of Nepal, New York: Praeger Publishers, 1973.

Cost Benefit Analysis: A Case Study of the Ratnagiri Fisheries Project, with S.N. Mishra, Institute of Economic Growth: New Delhi, 1976.

#### Articles

- "Regional Inequalities and Economic Growth in Malaysia." *Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social Research* 21 (May 1969): 17-30.
- "High Growth, Unemployment, and Planning in Venezuela: Some Observations." *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 18, No. 2 (January 1970): 267-273.
- "Economic Integration Among Developing Countries: The Advantages and Disadvantages for Nepal." Development Review 2 (January-March 1970): 1-14.
- Dimensions of Project Analysis for State Planning. The Ford Foundation: New Delhi, June 1970.
- An Economic Framework for Project Analysis in India: Some Preliminary Estimates. The Ford Foundation: New Delhi, December 1972.
- Uncertainty, Probability Analysis, and Project Choice: An Illustration, with S.N. Mishra. Institute of Economic Growth: New Delhi, May 1973.
- "Estimating the Shadow Price of Foreign Exchange: An Illustration from India." *The Journal of Development Studies* 11, No. 4 (July 1975).
- Inflation and the Dollar: No Easy Choices. Washington, D.C., Nathan Associates Inc., October 1978.
- "The Chicago School's View of Economic Reality." Eighth Annual ATP Western Transportation Law Seminar, Association of Transportation Practitioners, February 1985.
- "Adjustment with Development: Strategies for Linkage," paper presented at the Economic Forum, International Monetary Fund, June 1987.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Adjunct Professor, The American University, Washington, D.C.

Member: American Economic Association

#### **DEPOSITION AND TESTIMONY (2004 THROUGH 2009)**

- 1. *In Re: High Pressure Laminates Antitrust Litigation*, In the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Master File No. 00-MD-1368 (CLB) (2001, 2003, 2005, and 2006).
- 2. *In Re: Microcrystalline Cellulose Antitrust Litigation*, In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL No. 1402 (2002 and 2005).
- 3. *In Re: Mercedes-Benz Antitrust Litigation*, In the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Master File No. 99-4311 (AMW) (2002 and 2006).
- Carolyn Fears, Donna Gibbs, Ann Rogan, Plaintiffs v. Wilhelmina Model Agency, Inc., Ford Models, Inc., Defendants. In the United States District Court Southern District of New York, Case No. 02CV6146 (2004).

- In Re: Carbon Black Antitrust Litigation. In the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Civil Action No. 03-10191-DPW, MDL Docket No. 1543 (2004 and 2006).
- 6. Andrew Behrend, Caroline Cutler, Marc Dambrosio, Barbi J. Weinberg, Kenneth Saffren, Stanford Glaberson, Michael Kellman, Lawrence Rudman, Joan Evanchuk-Kind and Eric Brislawn, Plaintiff, v. Comcast Corporation, Comcast Holdings Corporation, Comcast CableCommunications, Inc., Comcast Cable Communications Holdings, Inc., and Comcast Cable Holdings, LLC, Defendants. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, No. 03-6604 (2004 and 2006).
- 7. In Re Plastics Additives Antitrust Litigation. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Master Docket No. 2:03-CV-2038; deposition testimony (2005)
- 8. *Re: Publication Paper Antitrust Litigation*. In the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, Docket No. 3:04 md 1631; deposition testimony (2006 and 2008).
- 9. *In re Bulk (Extruded) Graphite Products Antitrust Litigation*, In the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Master File No. 02-CV-06030 (WHW); deposition testimony (2005).
- In Re Barbara Schwab et al., Plaintiffs v. Philip Morris USA, Inc., et al., Defendants. In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Civil Action No. CV 04-1945; deposition testimony (2006).
- 11. *Molecular Diagnostics Laboratories v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., et.* al. Civil No. 04-1649 (HHK) (D.D.C.); deposition testimony (2006 and 2008).
- 12. In re: Pressure Sensitive Lablestock Antitrust Litigation. In the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, MDL Docket No. 1556 (No. 3:03-MDL-1556); deposition testimony (2006).
- 13. Hydrogen Peroxide Antitirust Litigation. In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL No. 1682; (case no. 05-CV-777); deposition testimony (2006 and 2008).
- Foundry Resins Antitrust Litgation. In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MDL No. 1638; (master docket no. 2:04-CV-415); deposition testimony (2006).
- 15. Polyester Staple Antitrust Litigation. In the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Charlotte Division, MDL Docket No. 3:03CV1516; deposition testimony (2005 and 2006).
- OSB Antitrust. In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Master File No. 06-CV-00826 (PSD); deposition testimony (2007 and 2008)
- 17. Morris & Dickson, M&D Antitrust. In the U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Louisiana, Civil Action No. CV05-2147S; deposition testimony (2007).
- 18. *In re*: Ethylene *Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM) Antitrust Litigation*. In the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Civil Action No. 3:03 MD 1542 (PCD); deposition testimony (2007).

- 19. Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) Antitrust Litigation. In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Civil Action No. 06-MD-1768; deposition testimony (2007).
- 20. *Pulse Oximetry Litigation*. In the U.S. District Court Central District of California, Western Division, Master File No. CV-05-6419 MRP; deposition testimony (2007).
- 21. Canadian Hydrogen Peroxide. Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Proceeding under the Class Proceedings Act of 1992, Court File No.: 47025/05; deposition testimony (2008).
- 22. Ready Mixed Concrete Antitrust Litigation. United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, Case No. 1:05-cv-00979-SEB-JMS; deposition testimony (2008).
- 23. *In Re: Aspartame Antitrust Litigation*. In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Master Docket No. 06-1732-LLD; deposition testimony (2008).
- 24. *In re: Texas Grain Storage, Inc. v. Monsanto Company*. In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Case No. SA07CA0673OLG (2008 and 2009).
- 25. *In re: Lou Haddock v. Nationwide*. United States District Court, District of Connecticut, Case No. 01-CV-1552; deposition testimony (2008).
- 26. In re: Marine Hose Antitrust Litigation (II). United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division. Case No. 08-1888 (2008).
- 27. International Business Machines Corp. v. T3 Technologies, Inc., United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Case No. 06-13565-LAK (2009).
- 28. Sweetwater Valley Farm, Inc., et al. v. Dean Foods Company, et al. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Greenville Division. Case No. 08-1000 (2009).

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- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029 PJH, May 27, 2009.
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Order Granting Motion to Dismiss, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, December 1, 2009.
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Order Granting Motion for Reconsideration and Leave to File Amended Complaint, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, January 29, 2010.
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Blockbuster Subscribers' Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, July 16, 2009.
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Blockbuster Subscribers' Consolidated Second Amended Class Action Complaint, Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, March 1, 2010.
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Response to Plaintiff's First Request for Production of Documents From Defendant Netflix, Inc., Master File No. M: 09-CV-2029-PJH, September 4, 2009.
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California. *In Re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litigation*, Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings, No. MDL 09-CV-2029-PJH, July 7, 2009.
- Deposition of Leslie J. Kilgore on behalf of Netflix, Inc., (30(b)(6), March 3, 2010.

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- "Blockbuster Drops Late Fees," CNNmony.com, December 14, 2004, http://money.cnn.com/2004/12/14/news/midcaps/blockbuster\_latefees/index.htm?cnn=ye s.
- "Blockbuster Launches New Online DVD Rental Service," Blockbuster News Release, Blockbuster.com, August 11, 2004 (P-02782-4).

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- "BLOCKBUSTER Online(TM) to Take DVD Rental Service to New Level with Guaranteed Lower Price, Enhanced Delivery and More Titles," Blockbuster News Release, Blockbuster.com, December 22, 2004 (P-02789-90).
- "Blockbuster Settles Fight with Netflix," The New York Times, June 28, 2007.
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