

# THE 2014 ATTORNEYS WHO MATTER



The 2014 Attorneys Who Matter represent the best and brightest minds in the legal field. The list consists of professionals in all areas of practice, including federal agencies, leading in-house counsel and the top ethics and compliance officers of major companies. All have risen to the top of their field thanks to a combination of expertise and experience, peer and/or client endorsements, and high-profile cases (as well as the number of those cases successfully litigated). These are the attorneys with the best public service, legal community engagement, and academic involvements, not to mention a stack of awards and recognitions for their outstanding achievements.

*On the following pages, you'll find this year's list, along with a closer look at some of 2014's most notable honorees.*





## Christine Varney

**Chair, Antitrust Department  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP**

"I had an intrinsic understanding of the importance of robust competition before I even learned the word 'antitrust,'" recalls Christine Varney of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. The eldest of six children, she remembers going from butcher to butcher and to various green grocers with her mother to find out who had the best prices and specials on meat and produce that week.

"Even at an early age, I could see that competition really mattered in the lives of everyday people because you could get the best quality and the best price when you had competition. Without the benefit of a free market, without competition, you lose that ability."

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These days, as Chair of Cravath's Antitrust practice, her responsibilities are considerably weightier, involving some of the most challenging subject areas in the field. "Many of the issues are global, with cross-border consequences, and involve emerging areas of law—for example, the intersection between intellectual property and antitrust law. I really enjoy working on issues where there is not a lot of direct precedent, so I have to use my experience and judgment to determine the best possible course for the client."

Although she views her current post at Cravath as "the highlight of her legal career," she points to several critical opportunities earlier on that helped pave the way to her later achievements. "I attribute a huge part of my success to President Clinton, who appointed me in the White House and to the Federal Trade Commission. Much of my professional success has been because he entrusted two very important positions to me."

Another turning point came when President Obama asked her to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust. "It was an honor to be included in such a dynamic administration. My role was to advise on the best policies and practices for advancing both healthcare reform and a strong economic recovery from a competition perspective; it was a post that the President considered critical to his economic agenda."

Varney credits role models such as Jane Harman (former US Representative for California's 36th Congressional District) and Robert Pitofsky (former Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission and Dean of the Georgetown University Law Center), for helping to shape her professional career for the better, and encourages young and aspiring attorneys to seek out mentors of their own.

"So much of my success comes from working with incredibly talented people, both as my mentors and those who have worked with me and for me over the years. It is a privilege to work alongside the brightest legal minds in the country on the most challenging issues available."

*Christine Varney, Chair of the Antitrust Practice at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, is the only person to have served both as US Assistant Attorney General of the DOJ's Antitrust Division and as a Commissioner of the FTC. In her current practice, she formulates global antitrust strategy, advises on antitrust compliance and investigations into alleged anti-competitive behavior, and secures regulatory clearance for a host of clients. Her recent matters include advising Grupo Modelo in its \$20.1B acquisition by Anheuser-Busch InBev, Delta in its joint venture with Virgin Atlantic, and Life Technologies in its \$15.8B sale to Thermo Fisher Scientific.*

## John Buretta

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