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Andrew C. Finch is a member of the Antitrust Practice. An accomplished antitrust lawyer with extensive experience in both civil and criminal antitrust litigation and investigations, Mr. Finch previously served in the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Antitrust Division as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Finch is among the leading antitrust lawyers in the United States, and *Chambers USA* ranks him in Band 1 for Antitrust in New York. He is regularly called upon by clients to handle critical antitrust litigation and investigations, as well as merger reviews for major transactions. Since joining Cravath, Mr. Finch's notable antitrust experience includes representing Wiz in its pending \$32 billion acquisition by Google, the largest-ever deal for a venture capital-backed startup, per *Bloomberg*, and the largest-ever cybersecurity M&A transaction.

At the DOJ, Mr. Finch served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General from April 2017 to August 2019 and Acting Assistant Attorney General from April 2017 to September 2017. In these roles, he managed the entirety of the Antitrust Division's operations, encompassing merger reviews, civil and criminal antitrust investigations, litigation and appeals. Mr. Finch's responsibilities involved supervising numerous significant merger reviews and litigations, and negotiating civil and criminal settlements, which included consent decrees involving deferred prosecution agreements, divestitures and plea agreements.

During his distinguished career at the DOJ, Mr. Finch additionally acted as the Antitrust Division's representative in meetings before other federal agencies, foreign competition authorities, members of Congress and state attorneys general. He was integral to the development and implementation of Antitrust Division policies, including the Division's policy regarding the consideration of effective antitrust compliance programs in criminal enforcement decisions, among others. From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Finch served as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division.

Mr. Finch was previously a partner at another major law firm in New York. Praised as "an incisive, strategic thinker who has perfected the ability to strongly advocate for a position," his tenure in private practice has included representing clients in complex antitrust litigation, as well as other commercial litigation concerning exclusive dealing, interlocking directorates, resale price maintenance and trade secrets; handling merger reviews; and advising on antitrust investigations by the DOJ, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), among other regulatory agencies. His work has spanned diverse industries, including financial services and insurance, healthcare, technology, retail, publishing and performing rights, industrials and manufacturing, air transportation and shipping, and delivery services and logistics.

Mr. Finch has been repeatedly recognized for his work in both antitrust litigation and merger clearance by leading professional publications, including by *Chambers USA* for over a decade. He has been recognized by *The Legal 500 US* as a "Leading Lawyer" for antitrust merger control. Mr. Finch also has been included in *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers" and "500 Leading Litigators in America" lists.

Mr. Finch is a frequent speaker and writer on a variety of antitrust topics, including big data and technology platforms, acquisitions of nascent competitors, and the application of antitrust law to intellectual property disputes and standard-development organizations. While at the DOJ, he participated in drafting the joint report of the DOJ and FTC, *Antitrust Enforcement and Intellectual Property Rights: Promoting Innovation and Competition*, and contributed to the *Report of the DOJ's Task Force on Intellectual Property*.

Mr. Finch is a member of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Antitrust Law Section, co-chair of its Foreign Investment and National Security Committee and the vice-chair of its International Comments & Policy Committee. He also served on the ABA's Task Force of the Future of Competition Law Standards, and has been vice-chair of the Books and Treatises Committee, vice-chair of the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, a member of the Editorial Board of Antitrust Law Developments (Sixth), and a principal editor of the *Handbook on Interlocking Directorates*.

Mr. Finch was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1991 and an M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1994. He received a J.D. with high honors in 1997 from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a John M. Olin Student Fellow in Law and Economics, the Topics and Comments Editor of *The University of Chicago Law Review*, and elected to the Order of the Coif. Mr. Finch served as a law clerk to Hon. Dennis Jacobs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

EDUCATION

- J.D., 1997, University of Chicago Law School
High Honors
- M.A., 1994, University of California, Los Angeles
- B.A., 1991, University of California, Berkeley
High honors, Phi Beta Kappa

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Dennis Jacobs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

ADMITTED IN

- New York
- California
- District of Columbia

RANKINGS

Chambers USA

- Antitrust - New York (2024-2020, 2017-2011)

Lawdragon

- 500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers (2025)
- 500 Leading Litigators in America (2025, 2024, 2023)

The Legal 500 US

- Antitrust (2024-2020)