

## Aaron Gott

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Aaron Gott is one of the country's leading antitrust litigators, with a practice built on representing and advising companies in the most complex and high-stakes competition matters in the federal courts. He has served as lead counsel in dozens of antitrust cases—including several of the largest price-fixing class actions and multidistrict litigations in the country—and has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court and argued appeals in courts of appeals across the nation.

Aaron's practice centers on companies facing antitrust class actions, government investigations, and competition-related business disputes. He has served as lead counsel for defendants in major price-fixing MDLs, including *In re Turkey Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation*, and *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation*, one of the most significant electronics price-fixing cases in recent memory.

Companies facing antitrust exposure turn to Aaron not only for his skill as an advocate, but for the strategic judgment he brings at every stage of a matter. From the moment an investigation is announced or a complaint is filed, through JPML consolidation, motions to dismiss, class certification, summary judgment, and—when necessary—trial and appeal, Aaron helps clients navigate the full arc of complex antitrust litigation with clarity and discipline. He is a skilled appellate advocate with a track record of wins at the circuit level and significant experience before the Supreme Court.

Aaron is also one of the nation's foremost authorities on antitrust federalism and the state-action immunity doctrine. He has litigated over a dozen antitrust cases against state agencies and local governments and argued state action immunity questions in numerous appeals, including landmark cases such as *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. FTC*. His antitrust counseling practice helps companies manage competition risk before litigation arises — advising on compliance programs, pricing conduct, information-sharing arrangements, trade association participation, and distribution relationships.

### Education

#### **J.D., The Florida State University College of Law**

*Magna Cum Laude*

Honors and Activities:

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Executive Editor, The Florida State University Law Review

Research Assistant to Professor Dan Markel  
Research Assistant to Dean David E. Landau

#### **B.A., Iowa State University**

Political Science and Military Science

### Government Service

United States Army (2003–2012)

Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004–2005 Force Protection Team Leader, Tenth Mountain Division and III Corps

Operation Enduring Freedom 2008–2010 Brigade Public Affairs Officer, First Army Division West

### Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

As chief operating officer of Bona Law, Aaron has a firsthand understanding of how businesses actually operate under pressure. Managing the firm's operations alongside an active national litigation practice means Aaron understands the organizational, financial, and reputational challenges that businesses face.

Aaron's written work reflects the same precision and force he brings to litigation. His scholarship has been recognized as "meticulously researched and brilliantly argued," and his 2024 article on cartel economics was nominated for the Concurrences Antitrust Writing Awards. Before law school, Aaron served nearly a decade in the U.S. Army — including a combat deployment to Iraq — and worked as a professional writer and editor. He has been recognized by Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers as a leading antitrust litigator.

## Representative Matters

- Lead counsel for defendant Foster Farms in *In re Turkey Antitrust Litigation*, a nationwide price-fixing class action MDL involving the turkey processing industry.
- Outside litigation counsel for the California Attorney General in *People v. Vitol*, a price-fixing case against global gasoline trading firms.
- Lead counsel for a retailer defendant in *In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation*, a nationwide price-fixing class action MDL.
- Defended one of the nation's largest trucking companies against class action allegations of a nationwide no-poaching conspiracy.
- Defended egg producer in multiple class actions in federal district courts alleging violations of state price-gouging laws.
- Defended edtech software company against \$50 million partnership noncompete claim in Minnesota state court.
- Brought antitrust counterclaims against leading mobile carrier alleging monopsony conduct in market for mid-band spectrum leasing rights in *T-Mobile v. WCO Spectrum*.
- Lead counsel in *PharmacyChecker.com v. LegitScript*, an antitrust case against a competitor for conspiring to eliminate online pharmacy information competition.
- Successfully argued Ninth Circuit interlocutory appeal in *PharmacyChecker.com v. LegitScript* resulting in precedential opinion extending established antitrust injury doctrine.

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

California

Minnesota

## Accolades

SuperLawyers Rising Star – San Diego

SuperLawyers Rising Star – Minneapolis

Best Lawyers – Antitrust Litigation, Minneapolis

- Lead counsel in *PharmacyChecker.com v. NABP et al.*, an antitrust case against pharmaceutical associations for conspiring to eliminate online pharmacy competition.
- Lead counsel in *Southeast Ready Mix et al. v. Argos North America, Inc., et al.*, an antitrust case in Atlanta federal court involving price-fixing and group-boycott conspiracies in the cement and ready mix industries.
- Represented plaintiff software developer in *Lucasys v. PowerPlan*, a federal antitrust lawsuit against a utility management software monopolist.
- Represented the International Center for Law & Economics and leading law and economics scholars as *amicus curiae* supporting Qualcomm before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *FTC v. Qualcomm*.
- Petitioned for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court and argued for a market participant exception to the state-action immunity doctrine in *AmeriCare v. City of Anaheim et al.*
- Argued state-action immunity issues before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on behalf of plaintiff ambulance company in antitrust cases against Orange County municipalities.
- Represented the NFIB Small Business Legal Center as *amicus curiae* before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Salt River Agricultural Improvement & Power District v. Tesla Energy*, arguing that denials of state-action immunity should not be immediately appealable.
- Argued appeal of Lanham Act claim dismissal on behalf of a nutrition supplement company before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, resulting in reversal and a precedential decision on commercial speech (*Ariix v. NutriSearch et al.*).
- Served as outside U.S. general and litigation counsel to a major online contact lens retailer, outside general counsel to an edtech software company, and general counsel to a frozen consumer packaged goods company

## Speeches & Presentations

- Panelist, Minnesota State Bar Association CLE, [The Farm Cooperative Antitrust Exemption under the Capper-Volstead Act](#), March 31, 2021.
- Panelist, ABA Section of Antitrust Law, [Friendly Advice: Amicus Perspectives on the FTC v. Qualcomm Case – June 23, 2020](#)
- Co-author, "[State certificate-of-need laws for hospitals must go](#)," Minneapolis Star Tribune, April 28, 2020.
- Radio Interview, KRVN/Rural Radio Network, [Agriculture and Antitrust](#), November 2019.
- Panelist, ABA Section of Antitrust Law, [NC Dental Amici: The Scope of the State Action Doctrine](#), April 2015.
- Presenter, Quimbee CLE, [Antitrust 101: Everything You Need to Know About When to Hire an Antitrust Lawyer](#), January 2022
- Presenter, Quimbee CLE, [Antitrust v. The Government: Litigating Government-Induced Competition Problems](#), June 2022
- Panelist, American Bar Association CLE, [Production Restraints During the Pandemic: Understanding Farm Cooperatives and the Capper-Volstead Act](#), November 19, 2021

## Professional Associations & Bar Memberships

- **Federal Bar Association**  
Minnesota Chapter
- **Minnesota State Bar Association**  
Chair, MSBA Antitrust Law Section Council

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