

Antitrust Lawyer Alicia Batts Joins Proskauer Rose as Partner in Washington, D.C. Office

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September 5, 2007 (Washington, DC) - Proskauer Rose LLP, an international law firm with more than 750 lawyers worldwide, announced that Alicia J. Batts has joined the firm as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office. An antitrust litigator who represents clients in the federal courts and before federal and state agencies in addition to providing counsel on related matters to companies in a range of industries, she also brings valuable experience from her past work as an antitrust advisor at the Federal Trade Commission.

Ms. Batts' practice concentrates on all issues relating to unfair trade practices and she regularly represents clients before antitrust enforcement agencies and in federal antitrust cases. She also has extensive experience representing and providing antitrust counseling for companies in a range of industries including automotive, aeronautics, pharmaceutical, financial, and energy.

"Alicia is an extremely valuable addition to our antitrust practice and will be an important part of the work we are doing on behalf of clients in the U.S. and around the world. With her broad experience working with a range of different industries on both the private and government sides, she provides incomparable capabilities to our team," said Ronald S. Rauchberg, co-chair of Proskauer's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice Group.

Ms. Batts is the latest significant addition to Proskauer's Washington, D.C. office. The firm also announced that Trevor Chaplick, a seasoned corporate and transactional lawyer and the founder and former managing partner of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Washington, D.C. office, has joined as partner and co-head of Proskauer's D.C. office.

Ms. Batts joins Proskauer from Dickstein Shapiro LLP, where she was a partner. She also worked as an antitrust advisor to Federal Trade Commissioner Mozelle Thompson, for whom she reviewed antitrust actions before the FTC and made recommendations on enforcement and policy matters before the Federal Antitrust Agency. Throughout her career she has represented, among many others: a worldwide credit and charge card network in defense of allegations that exclusivity agreements with issuers violated antitrust laws; a hospital association in a class action filed against a teaching hospital and medical associations and programs; a large distributor purchasing a competitor in a highly-concentrated market; and a manufacturing company in selling all of its assets to a *Fortune* 10 company including antitrust filings in 23 jurisdictions.

Ms. Batts has also served as vice-chair of the American Bar Association Antitrust Section Business Torts & Civil RICO Committee, on the ABA antitrust section Litigation Task Force, and is a former member of the editorial board of the *Antitrust Law Journal*. A regular panelist at antitrust conferences, she is also a member of the board of directors of the Appleseed Foundation, a board member of the St. Albans' Parents' Association, and is listed in *Black Enterprise's* "America's Top Black Lawyers." She is a graduate of Columbia University Law School and Harvard College.

Proskauer's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice Group litigates on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants, and counsels clients in all areas of antitrust law including Hart-Scott-Rodino Act compliance in mergers and acquisitions. The firm also has an active practice in government investigations, civil suits, and criminal proceedings. The practice also includes merger investigations before the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, and regular counseling in all areas of antitrust law, such as price discrimination, licensing, distribution and marketing issues, trade association activities, joint venture and pre-merger analysis, health care issues, and more.