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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Jeffery M. Cross is a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group and his areas of focus include: Antitrust and Trade Regulation, Canada Practice, Complex Disputes and Franchise and Dealership Law.

Mr. Cross has over 35 years of extensive trial experience representing a variety of corporations and businesses throughout the country on antitrust, securities fraud, contract, real estate, environmental regulations, libel and slander, false advertising, commercial code and trade regulation issues. Mr. Cross is a frequent speaker, and has conducted seminars and lectures advising corporations on avoiding antitrust problems and litigation. For a more detailed description of Mr. Cross' experience and background, including a description of cases, articles and speeches, please [click here](#).

Mr. Cross has authored numerous publications involving antitrust, including: "Franchising: Antitrust Considerations," Chapter 9 and "Sentencing," Chapter 65 in the Matthew Bender treatise, *Antitrust Counseling and Litigation Techniques*; a chapter entitled "Antitrust Considerations," *Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education Health Care Handbook*; and two chapters, "Corporate Antitrust Liability and Compliance Programs," Chapter 2 and "An Effective Compliance Program Under The Sentencing Guidelines," Chapter 3 in the Aspen Publishers treatise, *Corporate Legal Compliance Handbook*.

The *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* ranks Mr. Cross as a Leading Individual in antitrust law, stating that Mr. Cross "is described by peers as 'an experienced antitrust lawyer who is first and foremost an effective litigator.'" *Chambers*, 2006. Further, *Chambers* states that Mr. Cross "is considered an excellent trial attorney because 'he is good on his feetand an extremely smart guy.'" *Chambers*, 2009 and 2010.

Since 2006, Mr. Cross has been recognized in PLC'S Competition Handbook. This publication described Mr. Cross as "known for his encyclopedia knowledge of antitrust law, with a respected general litigation practice." (2009).

Mr. Cross has also been selected as a Leading Lawyer in the fields of Antitrust and Franchise & Dealership Law based on a statewide survey conducted by the Leading Lawyers Network, a division of the Law Bulletin Publishing Company.

Mr. Cross is also listed in *Who's Who in American Law* in the fields of Antitrust, Civil Litigation, Federal and Civil Litigation, General.

Representative Matters

- Represent defendant Mission Linen Supply in *Exhaust Unlimited v. Cintas Corp., et al.* an antitrust class action case in East St. Louis, Illinois;
- Represent Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. in *Truck Rail Handling, et al. v. BNSF*, an antitrust case in San Francisco, California;
- Represent the Noranda Defendants in *In re Sulfuric Acid Antitrust Litigation*, an antitrust class action case in

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Chicago, Illinois;

- Represent Falconbridge Limited in the Department of Justice investigation relating to its proposed merger with Inco Limited;
- Represented plaintiff MBI in *MBI v. The Chronicle Publishing Co.*, a securities fraud case in Madison, Wisconsin;
- Represented Exxon Mobil Corp. in *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Flores*, a dealer termination case in Chicago, Illinois; and
- Represented BP America, Inc. in *Hilo v. Exxon Corp, et al.*, an antitrust case in Los Angeles, California.

EDUCATION

- JD, *magna cum laude*: Syracuse University College of Law
Order of the Coif
Research Editor, *Syracuse Law Review*
- BS, *cum laude*: University of Illinois at Chicago

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits
- United States District Courts, Northern, Central and Southern Districts of Illinois; Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin; Northern District of Indiana; Western District of Michigan
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

BOARD ROLES, MEMBERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, American Bar Association Antitrust Section, Franchise Forum, and Litigation Section
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Former Officer, various ABA Antitrust Section Committees, including Vice Chairman of the Criminal Practices and Procedure Committee, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Computer Technology, and Chairman, Subcommittee on RICO and other Related Crimes
- Member, Drafting Committee for the ABA Antitrust Section's Sample Jury Instructions in Criminal Antitrust Cases (1984) and Member, Drafting Committee for the ABA Antitrust Section's Model Criminal Antitrust Jury Instructions (2009)
- Chair, Illinois State Bar Association Antitrust Law Section Council (1988-1989)
- President, The Lawyers Club of Chicago, 2009-2010

TEACHING

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Adjunct Professor, The John Marshall Law School, where he currently teaches Antitrust Law.