



Ilene Knable Gotts

Partner, Antitrust

P: 212.403.1247

F: 212.403.2247

IKGotts@wlrk.com

Ilene Knable Gotts is a partner in the New York City law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, where she focuses on antitrust matters, particularly relating to mergers and acquisitions. Transactions in which Mrs. Gotts advised include Publicis Groupe/Epison, IFF/Frutarom, Salesforce/Mulesoft, Prysmian/General Cable, Mondel?z/Tate's Bake Shop, CenturyLink/Level 3, Danone/WhiteWave Foods, Gaming and Leisure Properties/Pinnacle Entertainment, Faiveley/Wabtec, Charter/Time Warner Cable/Bright House, J.M. Smucker's/Big Heart Pet Brands, Publicis/Sapient, Essilor/PPG Industries, Deutsche Telekom/MetroPCS, ConAgra/Ralcorp, PPG Industries/Georgia Gulf, Aetna/Coventry, and International Paper/Temple-Inland. Mrs. Gotts is regularly recognized as one of the world's top antitrust lawyers, including being recognized in the 2006-2018 Editions of The International *Who's Who of Business Lawyers* as one of the top five global competition lawyers, in the first tier ranking of Chambers USA Guide, the "leading individuals" ranking of PLC *Which Lawyer Yearbook*, the Antitrust Lawyer of the Year for 2016 by Best Lawyers, Top Lawyer of the Year for 2017 by Cablefax, and Number one North America Thought Leader in 2018 Edition of *Who's Who Legal*.

Mrs. Gotts previously worked as a staff attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition and Consumer Protection. Mrs. Gotts is an officer of the IBA's Competition Committee. She served on the American Bar Association's Board of Governors from 2015-2018, having previously served as the Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law. In 2006-2007, Mrs. Gotts was the Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Section, which recognized her

service to the antitrust bar with the Lifland Service Award in 2010; she has been a member of the American Law Institute for over 20 years. Mrs. Gotts is a frequent guest speaker, has had approximately 200 articles published on antitrust related topics, and served as the editor of the ABA's Merger Review Process book, Law Business Research's Private Competition Enforcement Review (2008-2018 Editions) and Law Business Research's Merger Control Review (2010-2018 Editions). She is a member of the editorial board of *The Antitrust Counselor*, *Antitrust Report*, and *Competition Law International* publications. Mrs. Gotts is a member of the Lincoln Center Counsel's Council. BTI Consulting Group has recognized Mrs. Gotts as a BTI Client Service All-Star for her level of dedication and commitment to exceptional client service.

Recent Publications

[The Private Competition Enforcement Review \(I.K. Gotts, Ed.\)](#), (Law Business Research, Ltd., Twelfth Ed. 2019).

[Heightened Antitrust Scrutiny Continued in FY2018](#), in *Antitrust Report*, February 2019.

[Cross Border M&A - 2019 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, January 30, 2019.

[WWL Thought Leaders Global Elite](#), in *Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders Global Elite*, 2019 and 2017 eds.

[US Antitrust Enforcement Becomes a Hot Topic for Resolving Broader Concerns](#), in *TYL Magazine*, ABA Young Lawyers Division, October 25, 2018.

[The Merger Control Review \(I.K. Gotts, Ed.\)](#), (Law Business Research, Ltd., Ninth Ed. 2018; Eighth Ed. 2017; Seventh Ed. 2016; Sixth Ed. 2015; Fifth Ed. 2014; Fourth Ed. 2013; Third Ed. 2012; Second Ed. 2011; First Ed. 2010).

[Key Principles of Merger Remedies](#), in *The Guide to Merger Remedies* (Law Business Research, 2018).

[Reading the Tea Leaves: Will Trump Administration Impact Antitrust M&A Enforcement?](#), in *Antitrust Report*, July 2018.

[Back to the Future: Should the "Consumer Welfare" Standard Be Replaced in U.S. M&A Antitrust Enforcement?](#), in *Antitrust Report*, Volume 1, February 2018.

[Merger Control in High-Tech Markets](#), in *An Antitrust Professor on the Bench: Liber Amicorum* (Institute of Competition Law, 2018).

[Mergers and Acquisitions -- 2018 - With a Brief Look Back](#), in *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*, January 29, 2018.

[Cross-Border M&A -- 2018 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in *Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets*, January 10, 2018.

[Public Interest Considerations in Merger Review](#), presentation at the 5th Annual GCR Live in New York, September 28, 2017.

[FY2016: The Obama Administration Wraps Up Eight Years of Rigorous Enforcement](#), in *Antitrust Report*, May 2017.

Antitrust Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions, (Bloomberg BNA Corporate Practice Series Portfolio No. 56-4th, 2016).

[U.S. Agencies Continue to Be Tough on Merger Remedies](#), in *Expert Guides: Best of the Best USA*, July 2016.

[U.S. Agencies Take a Tough Approach to Merger Remedies](#), in *LawyerIssue*, June 2015 (<http://www.lawyerissue.com>).

[Caveat Emptor: Transaction Parties Need to Consider Foreign Investment Laws as Part of Pre-Deal Planning](#), in the 41st Annual Proceedings of the Fordham Competition Law Institute, 2015.