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lawyers, in the first tier ranking of Chambers Guide for over two decades, 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 the 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. She has held several leadership positions in the American Bar Association, including serving on the American Bar Association’s Board of Governors from 2015-2018 and as the Chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of Antitrust Law in 2009-2010. 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 25 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 (2008-2025 Editions) and Law Business Research’s Merger Control Review (2010-2025 Editions). She is a member of the editorial board of *The Antitrust Counselor*, *Antitrust Report*, and *Competition Law International* publications. 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.

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