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Sidley Austin LLP

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The Firm: With its strong corporate reputation and its strength in the healthcare arena, this firm remains a big hitter on the Illinois antitrust landscape. Peers acknowledge that its breadth of practice is impressive, offering every dish on the antitrust menu: merger clearance, counseling, price-fixing expertise, grand jury work and more. There is no doubt that this team is comfortable at trial, and it recently successfully represented Johnson & Johnson in a crucial bundling monopolization case brought by a competitor making trocars, devices used in surgery. The Chicago team has also advised and represented the AMA on various matters, but there is much more to Sidley than healthcare. The group also has close relationships with the likes of AT&T, the National Association of REALTORS and Citibank. Sidley Austin may be blessed with a fantastic reputation and history in this city, but it cannot be denied that it works hard to retain that reputation from day to day. **The Lawyers:** A go-to lawyer for healthcare coun-

seling, **Jack Bierig** (see p.1027) received positive feedback from peers and clients alike. As the principal contact with the AMA, he defended the institution in a putative class action on behalf of all medical residents in the USA, alleging that the nation's major teaching hospitals are engaged in an antitrust-violating conspiracy with regard to placements for medical students. "*Thoughtful and big-picture guy*" **Tom Ryan** (see p.1058) "*brings experience and gravitas to proceedings*," according to interviewees. The owner of a broad litigation practice with an antitrust slant, he has been existing on a steady diet of price-fixing allegations, M&A work and monopoly allegations, as well as a significant amount of counseling. "*A great writer, a practical litigator and someone creative enough not to have to always go by the book*," **John Trece** (see p.1064) was the architect of Sidley's victory for Johnson & Johnson in the bundling litigation. "*I'd hire John Trece in a second*," attested one eminent peer. The multitalented **Chuck Douglas** (see p.1033) joins the antitrust rankings after extended praise for his work in the area. "*He has exemplary trial skills*," remarked one interviewee; "*he can digest complicated material and explain it in a simple manner*."

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm represented Searle (now part of Pfizer) in the Brand Name Prescription Drugs Antitrust Litigation. Unlike 17 other pharmaceutical company codefendants, Searle elected not to settle and went to court facing a potential liability of \$1.3 billion; ten weeks of trial saw a verdict given in Searle's favor. Other clients include AT&T, Aon and GlaxoSmithKline.

Band 2

Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg LLP

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The Firm: This boutique firm with a strong trial reputation continues to draw plaudits from across Chicago. For a firm of its size, it is mentioned that the depth at Eimer Stahl is surprisingly impressive and superior to that of its direct rivals. An offshoot from Sidley Austin, Eimer Stahl has established itself as a go-to firm strictly for litigation, with a strong emphasis on antitrust and trade regulation matters and with around ten of the 28 lawyers in the firm specializing in this. Usually working on the defense side, the team has also had success representing large corporate clients as opt-out plaintiffs. This outfit takes time to get to know its clients inside-out, and the strong relationship it has built up with CITGO, for whom it has conducted numerous investigations into gas price-fixing, would suggest that this strategy has paid dividends. The team is also representing worldwide industrial gas provider Praxair in a Section 2 monopolization case.

The Lawyers: "*Great on strategy and analysis*," **Nate Eimer** (see p.1034) was described by peers as "*the broad-base antitrust lawyer we all aspire to be*." Splitting his time between general commercial and antitrust litigation, Eimer has been representing Hollinger in the ongoing Conrad Black litigation.

"*There is no other lawyer to whom I would feel so comfortable referring a client*," remarked one peer. The "*very bright*" **Andrew Klevorn** (see p.1043) is, among other matters, working with Dow Chemical and Union Carbide to recover overcharges brought on by price-fixing in the parcel tanker shipping industry. **David Stahl** (see p.1062) has a practice encompassing commercial litigation, contract cases, trade regulation and antitrust, which fluctuates in its focus according to demand. He has been involved in prescription drugs price-fixing matters of late. **Clients/Work Highlights:** The firm advises CITGO, Dow Chemical and Union Carbide on antitrust matters.

Freed Kanner London & Millen LLC

The Firm: This boutique firm is the new face of Much Shelist's much-feared antitrust team. Everything that made Much Shelist the force it was in the antitrust arena – personnel, clients and vision – has been retained during the transition; the team, led by the redoubtable Mike Freed, is set to maintain its reputation as a leader on the plaintiff side – doing "*much of the best class action work*." Setting up shop in the suburbs of Chicago, the team has released itself from the restraints imposed by conflicts arising from Much Shelist's developing corporate department, and is now free to forge its own path through the Illinois antitrust market.

The Lawyers: "*Leading light on the plaintiff side*" **Mike Freed** is the undisputed center of gravity at the firm. Peers credit him with knowing "*the pressure points and the building blocks of a case*," and describe him as a "*worthy opponent*."

Freeman, Freeman & Salzman

The Firm: "*A superb firm on the plaintiff side*," say defendant lawyers grudgingly admitting to the quality of lawyering at this firm, described by one interviewee as being "*head and shoulders above that of its direct competitors*." Historically associated with representing opt-out plaintiffs, a slowdown in this area has precipitated a slight change of direction for this firm – a challenge to which it has risen in style. The group represented Eurex in its lawsuit against the Chicago Board of Trade, alleging conspiracy to prevent it obtaining a beachhead in the Windy City. Proving that it can also work on the defense side, the firm is representing Forrest Laboratories in alleged price-fixing litigation. The interaction of antitrust and securities law has been a hot area of late, in which the group has been representing investment banking firms.

The Lawyers: "*Legend in the antitrust area*," **Lee Freeman** sets the tone for lawyers at the firm. Credited with a genuine passion for antitrust law, he is one of the most eminent individuals in the market. "*He's polished, he's a gentleman and he's one of those guys whose word you can take and you know it's good*," remarked one interviewee.

Clients/Work Highlights: Eurex; Forest Laboratories; Cargill; Boeing; Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Kraft.