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Education

LL.M., University of Edinburgh, 2005
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J.D., University of Michigan Law
School, 2004 (Clarence Darrow Scholar;
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B.A., Yale University, 1999

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Hong Kong
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Andrew Foster is head of Skadden's Asia Pacific antitrust/competition practice, bringing more than two decades of experience advising on competition regimes around the world, including in China, the EU and the U.S. He has advised on many of the most high-profile and complex cross-border merger control matters, including several landmark transactions.

Mr. Foster is regularly recognized as a leading competition lawyer in *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Asia Pacific*, *Chambers Greater China*, *Global Competition Review*, *The Legal 500*, *IFLR1000 Asia Pacific*, *Lawdragon* and *Lexology Index: Competition*. He has also published widely on international competition issues and is a frequent speaker at conferences and symposia worldwide.

Mr. Foster's recent experience includes:

- **onsemi** in its US\$7 billion acquisition of Synaptics Inc. with respect to its Physical AI integrated circuits
- **Skyworks Solutions, Inc.** in its merger with Qorvo, Inc. at an enterprise value of US\$22 billion
- **Axcelis Technologies, Inc.** in its US\$4.4 billion merger with Veeco Instruments Inc. with respect to semiconductor manufacturing equipment
- **KONE Corporation** in the Asia Pacific merger control aspects of its US\$34.4 billion acquisition of TK Elevator GmbH, from a consortium led by Advent International, L.P. and Cinven Limited (A/C)
- **Activision Blizzard Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$75 billion acquisition by Microsoft Corporation. This is the largest-ever technology deal and the largest-ever gaming industry deal
- **Mars, Incorporated** in its US\$35.6 billion acquisition of Kellanova. This transaction is the largest buyout in the packaged food industry to date
- **Berry Global Group, Inc.** in its US\$37 billion acquisition by Amcor plc (Switzerland)
- **Juniper Networks, Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$14 billion acquisition by Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- **Ansys, Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$35 billion acquisition by Synopsys, Inc.
- **Splunk Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$28 billion acquisition by Cisco Systems, Inc.
- **TikTok, Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$1.5 billion strategic partnership with PT GoTo Gojek Tokopedia Tbk
- **Jabil Inc.** (U.S.) in the US\$2.2 billion sale of its mobility business to BYD Electronic (International) Company Limited
- **Axiata Group** (Malaysia) in Celcom Axiata's US\$12 billion merger with Digi, a subsidiary of Telenor Asia. This is the largest-ever telecoms transaction in Malaysia
- **Grab Holdings Inc.** (Singapore) in its US\$40 billion merger with Altimeter Growth Corp. As a result of the merger, Grab became a publicly traded company in the largest-ever de-SPAC transaction globally and the largest-ever U.S. equity offering by a Southeast Asian company, with PIPE proceeds of US\$4.04 billion
- **SK Hynix Inc.** (South Korea) in its US\$9 billion acquisition of the NAND memory and storage business of Intel Corporation
- **Xilinx, Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$35 billion acquisition by Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

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- **Cisco Systems, Inc.** (U.S.) with certain antitrust and regulatory aspects of its US\$2.6 billion acquisition of Acacia Communications, Inc.
 - **Red Hat, Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$34 billion acquisition by International Business Machines Corporation
 - **Hewlett Packard Enterprise** (U.S.) in its US\$1.3 billion acquisition of Cray Inc.
 - **Rockwell Collins, Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$30 billion acquisition by United Technologies Corp.
 - **Cavium Inc.** (U.S.) in its US\$6 billion acquisition by Marvell Technology Group Ltd.
 - **E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company** (U.S.) in its combination with The Dow Chemical Company in an all-stock merger of equals with an announced value of US\$130 billion
 - **EMC Corporation** (U.S.) in its US\$67 billion acquisition by Denali Holding Inc., the parent company of Dell Inc.
 - **NXP Semiconductors N.V.** (the Netherlands) in its proposed (but terminated) US\$47 billion acquisition by Qualcomm Incorporated

Mr. Foster also has experience in obtaining conditional immunity with the European Commission and other competition law agencies, and has substantial experience representing clients in Article 101 and 102 investigations, as well as U.S. private litigation and class action matters.

He has also successfully navigated complex cartel cases and investigations related to monopolization and dominance, frequently working in close collaboration with regulatory authorities to ensure the best outcomes for his clients.

Selected Publications

Co-Author, “Merger Remedies Guide (China: Unpacking the Evolution of Antitrust Enforcement and Conditional Clearance Decisions in Merger Review)” *Global Competition Review*, October 2025

Co-Author, “China Is Clearing More Global Deals, Despite an Order To Unwind a Domestic Merger,” *M&A Lawyer*, October 2025, and *Skadden Insights*, September 2025

Co-Author, “Merger Control in a Changing Global Context: Four Key Themes for Dealmakers,” *Skadden Publication*, July 25, 2025

Co-Author, “SAMR’s Evolving Role on the Geopolitical Chessboard,” *CPI Antitrust Chronicle*, March 2025

Co-Author, “China Merger Control Process Should Remain Navigable Even if Tensions Rise,” *Skadden’s 2025 Insights*, January 14, 2025

Co-Author, “China Increases Merger Filing Thresholds,” *Skadden Publication*, January 29, 2024

Co-Author, “Merger Remedies Guide (China: Recent Remedy Cases Showcase Impact of Amended Anti-Monopoly Law),” *Global Competition Review*, 2023

Co-Author, “In Praise of SAMR’s Behavioral Remedies: Preventing Over-Deterrence in Global Merger Control,” *Competition Policy International*, March 29, 2023

Co-Author, “Demystifying China’s Merger Review Process,” *Skadden’s 2023 Insights*, December 13, 2022

Co-Author, “2022: What You Need To Know ...” *Skadden Publication*, February 25, 2022

Co-Author, “CFIUS Goes Global: New FDI Review Processes Proliferate, Old Ones Expand,” *Skadden’s 2022 Insights*, January 19, 2022

Co-Author, “EU Proposes New M&A and Procurement Control Legislation To Combat Foreign Subsidies,” *Skadden Publication*, May 18, 2021

Co-Author, “Asia-Pacific Antitrust Review (Overview: Merger Control)” *Global Competition Review*, 2021

Co-Author, “New Blocking Rules Adopted in China May Force Companies To Choose Between US or Chinese Law,” *Skadden Publication*, January 20, 2021

Co-Author, “China Publishes Draft Amendments to Anti-Monopoly Law,” *Skadden Publication*, April 27, 2020