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Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1973 (Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, *Michigan Law Review*)

B.B.A., University of Michigan, 1970 (with highest distinction)

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
New York

Government Service

Acting Assistant Attorney General (2001) and Deputy Assistant Attorney General (1998-2001), Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Experience

Distinguished Visitor from Practice (1996) and Adjunct Professor of Law (1979-1981, 1983-1984), Georgetown University Law Center

Law Clerk to the Hon. William H. Rehnquist, Supreme Court of the United States (1974-1975)

John M. Nannes is of counsel in Skadden's Antitrust/Competition Group and brings a unique blend of private and government experience to the practice of antitrust law.

Mr. Nannes joined the firm when Skadden first opened an office in Washington in 1977. For the next 20 years, he handled mergers and acquisitions reviewed by the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission and represented companies in civil non-merger governmental investigations and in multidistrict treble-damage class actions. He worked frequently on antitrust problems associated with network industries such as airlines, securities and railroads.

Between 1998 and 2001, Mr. Nannes served first as deputy assistant attorney general and then as acting assistant attorney general in charge of the Antitrust Division. As deputy assistant attorney general, he supervised activities of the division's sections responsible for reviewing merger and civil non-merger activities in transportation, energy, securities and financial markets, among others. As acting assistant attorney general, he supervised activities of all the division's civil sections and also handled criminal matters.

Mr. Nannes returned to the firm in 2001. Since his return, Mr. Nannes has worked on a variety of merger matters, many of which have had international dimensions and involved the European Commission and various other competition agencies around the world. He also has represented a number of companies in connection with U.S. and international cartel investigations and in multidistrict treble-damage litigation.

Mr. Nannes is a graduate of the University of Michigan Business School and Law School. He clerked for Judge Roger Robb on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1973-74 and then for Justice William H. Rehnquist on the Supreme Court of the United States in 1974-75. He served as a special assistant to the assistant attorney general in charge of the Antitrust Division for a year before joining Skadden.

Mr. Nannes has taught basic antitrust and advanced antitrust at Georgetown University Law Center. He is a trustee of the Legal Aid Society of Washington, D.C. and of the Supreme Court Historical Society. He previously served for six years on the *pro bono* committee of the District of Columbia bar and for six years on the board of directors of the District of Columbia Bar Foundation. In 2009, he received the Learned Hand Award from the American Jewish Committee. He presently serves as chair of the University of Michigan Law School Development and Alumni Relations Committee and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

Mr. Nannes repeatedly has been listed in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.