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Education

J.D., New York University
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Elliot Silver represents clients in a variety of antitrust transactional, litigation and advisory matters, as well as issues pertaining to all aspects of sports law. In 2020, he was named a D.C. Rising Star by *The National Law Journal* and a Competition & Antitrust Future Star by *Financier Worldwide*. On the transactional side, Mr. Silver represents clients from a diverse range of industries including agriculture, medical devices, aerospace and defense, hospitals, and insurance in connection with high-profile transactions and civil investigations before the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Trade Commission. His representations include:

- Centene Corporation in its \$17.3 billion acquisition of WellCare Health Plans, Inc., as well as its acquisitions of Health Net, Inc. and Fidelis Care;
- E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in its merger with The Dow Chemical Company in an all-stock merger of equals with an announced value of \$130 billion;
- Essendant Inc. in its acquisition by Staples Inc.;
- Ash Grove Cement Company in its \$3.5 billion acquisition by CRH plc;
- Stryker Corporation in numerous transactions, including its acquisitions of Wright Medical Group, K2M, Inc. and Entellus Medical;
- Esterline Technologies Corporation in its \$4 billion acquisition by TransDigm Group Inc.;
- Tenet Healthcare Corporation in numerous acquisitions and dispositions, including its merger of Brookwood Medical Center into Baptist Health System and sale of its Atlanta-area hospitals to WellStar Health System;
- Hospira, Inc. in its \$17 billion acquisition by Pfizer Inc.;
- Robert Wood Johnson Health System in its merger with Barnabas Health; and
- XL Group in its \$4.2 billion cash-and-stock acquisition of Catlin Group Limited.

In addition to transactional matters, Mr. Silver advises clients in antitrust litigation and investigations, including HarperCollins in DOJ and state attorneys general investigations and private class action litigation regarding the sale of e-books, a high-tech company in a DOJ investigation into alleged hiring practices, and Domfoam International Inc. and Valle Foam Industries in a multidistrict price-fixing class action litigation.

Mr. Silver also has counseled professional sports leagues and teams on a variety of sports law matters. He has advised the National Hockey League in the negotiation, drafting and administration of its collective bargaining agreement, including arbitration proceedings, and has advised the league on antitrust, intellectual property, and other legal and business issues. Additionally, Mr. Silver has represented the National Basketball Association on a number of matters, including the 2011 lockout and related legal proceedings.

In the *pro bono* field, Mr. Silver assists military men and women in obtaining veterans benefits as an attorney accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.