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Education

J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2014
(*magna cum laude*)
B.A., Boston College, 2010 (*cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

New York
U.S. District Court for the Southern and
Eastern Districts of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second Circuit

Experience

Judicial Intern, Hon. Katherine B.
Forrest, U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of New York (2013)

Luke Taeschler represents clients in connection with government investigations, general antitrust counseling, sports law and federal court litigation.

Mr. Taeschler has worked on a variety of complex matters, including the representation of:

- **The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association** in drafting association bylaws and successfully defending those bylaws against a competing rodeo association's antitrust challenge in the Northern District of Texas;
- **NYU, Columbia, Fordham, St. John's and Cardozo law schools** in securing the dismissal, with prejudice, of multiple federal claims, including antitrust and RICO claims, brought in the Southern District of New York;
- **JPMorgan Chase** in securing the affirmance of a dismissal by the Second Circuit in a case brought by consumers alleging that they were injured as a result of a price-fixing conspiracy to charge anti-competitive credit card processing fees;
- **AEP Industries** in its \$765 million acquisition by Berry Plastics; and
- **Ainsworth Lumber Co.** in its \$759 million acquisition by Norbord, Inc.

Currently, Mr. Taeschler is defending Bausch & Lomb in a nationwide antitrust class action related to the sale and distribution of disposal contact lenses, as well as JPMorgan Chase in a nationwide antitrust class action brought by merchants alleging a conspiracy among Visa, MasterCard and certain banks to fix credit and debit card interchange fees. He also has been a part of teams representing Express Scripts and the National Hockey League.

Mr. Taeschler also has written a number of articles on multiple topics, including the FTC's authority to prosecute cybersecurity data breach cases, the treatment of two-sided markets in antitrust cases, the import of antitrust law to the private equity industry and recent antitrust enforcement in the e-commerce industry. He actively works on *pro bono* cases as well, most recently securing a grant of asylum for a gay Russian photographer and filing an *amicus* brief on behalf of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers discussing the application of federal sentencing guidelines in synthetic marijuana cases. In addition, Mr. Taeschler is an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School, teaching an upper-level legal writing class focusing on brief writing.

Publications

"Looking Backward to Look Forward: A Summary Of the FTC's Cybersecurity Enforcement Agenda," *Bloomberg BNA's White Collar Crime Report*, October 13, 2017