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Hausfeld Firm Summary

In the last decade, Hausfeld attorneys have won landmark trials, negotiated complex settlements among dozens of defendants, and recovered billions of dollars for clients both in and out of court. Renowned for skillful prosecution and resolution of complex and class-action litigation, Hausfeld is the only claimants' firm to be ranked in the top tier in private enforcement of antitrust/competition law in both the United States and the United Kingdom by *The Legal 500* and *Chambers & Partners*. Our German office was also ranked by *The Legal 500* for general competition law.

From our locations in Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Paris, Düsseldorf, Stockholm, and London, Hausfeld contributes to the development of law in the United States and abroad in the areas of antitrust/competition, consumer protection, environmental threats, human and civil rights, mass torts, and securities fraud. Hausfeld attorneys have studied the global integration of markets—and responded with innovative legal theories and a creative approach to claims in developed and emerging markets.

Hausfeld was founded by Michael D. Hausfeld, who is widely recognized as one of the country's top civil litigators and a leading expert in the fields of private antitrust/competition enforcement and international human rights. *The New York Times* has described Mr. Hausfeld as one of the nation's "most prominent antitrust lawyers," while *Washingtonian Magazine* characterizes him as a lawyer who is "determined to change the world—and succeeding," noting that he "consistently brings in the biggest judgments in the history of law."

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Hausfeld's reputation for leading groundbreaking antitrust class actions in the United States is well-earned. Having helmed more than 40 antitrust class actions, Hausfeld attorneys are prepared to **litigate and manage cases with dozens of defendants** (*In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation*, with more than thirty defendants), **negotiate favorable settlements for class members and clients** (*In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation*, settlements of more than \$1.2 billion), **take on the financial services industry** (*In re Foreign Exchange Antitrust Litigation*, with settlements of more than \$2.3 billion), **take cartelists to trial** (*In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation*, trial victory of \$162 million against Chinese manufacturers of vitamin C), and **push legal boundaries where others have not** (*O'Bannon v. NCAA*, another trial victory in which the court found that NCAA rules prohibiting additional scholarship payments to players as part of the recruiting process are unlawful).

Hausfeld is "the world's leading antitrust litigation firm."

– *Politico*



Hausfeld: A Global Reach

Hausfeld's international reach enables it to advise across multiple jurisdictions and pursue claims on behalf of clients worldwide. Hausfeld works closely with clients to deliver outstanding results while always addressing their business concerns. Hausfeld does so by anticipating issues, considering innovative strategies, and maximizing the outcome of legal disputes in a way that creates shareholder value. Its inventive cross border solutions work to the benefit of the multinational companies it often represents.

Creative Solutions to Complex Legal Challenges

Hausfeld lawyers consistently apply forward-thinking ideas and creative solutions to the most vexing global legal challenges faced by clients. As a result, the firm's litigators have developed numerous innovative legal theories that have expanded the quality and availability of legal recourse for claimants around the globe that have a right to seek recovery. Hausfeld's impact was recognized by the *Financial Times*, which honored Hausfeld's European team with the "Innovation in Legal Expertise - Dispute Resolution," award, which was followed up by FT commending Hausfeld's North American team for its innovative work in the same category. In addition, *The Legal 500* has ranked Hausfeld as the only top tier claimants firm in private enforcement of antitrust/competition law in both the United States and the United Kingdom. For example, the landmark settlement that Hausfeld negotiated to resolve claims against Parker ITR for antitrust overcharges on marine hoses represented the first private resolution of a company's global cartel liability without any arbitration, mediation, or litigation—creating opportunities never before possible for dispute resolution and providing a new model for global cartel settlements going forward.

Unmatched Global Resources

The firm combines its U.S. offices on both coasts and vibrant European presence with a broad and deep network around the globe to offer clients the ability to seek redress or confront disputes in every corner of the world and across every industry. With over 100 lawyers in offices in Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Amsterdam, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Brussels, Paris, Stockholm, and London, Hausfeld is a "market leader for claimant-side competition litigation" (*The Legal 500*).

"Hausfeld, which 'commits extensive resources to the most difficult cases,' widely hails as one of the few market-leading plaintiff firms."

- *The Legal 500*

Antitrust Litigation

Hausfeld's antitrust litigation experience is unparalleled

Few, if any, U.S. law firms are litigating more class actions on behalf of companies and individuals injured by anticompetitive conduct than Hausfeld. The firm has litigated cases involving price-fixing, price manipulation, monopolization, tying, and bundling, through individual and class representation and has experience across a wide variety of industries, including automotive, banking, chemicals, construction, manufacturing, energy, financial services, food and beverage, health care, mining and metals, pharmaceuticals and life sciences, retail, sports and entertainment, technology, and transportation. Clients rely on us for our antitrust expertise and our history of success in

“Hausfeld LLP, ‘one of the most capable plaintiffs’ firms involved in the area of civil cartel enforcement,’ is [w]idely recognised as a market leader for claimant-side competition litigation... [It is the] market leader in terms of quantity of cases, and also the most advanced in terms of tactical thinking.”

– *The Legal 500*

the courtroom, and at the negotiation table, and the firm does not shy away from challenges, taking on some of the most storied institutions. Hausfeld is not only trusted by its clients, it is trusted by judges to pursue these claims, as evidenced by the fact that the firm has been appointed as lead or co-lead counsel in over 40 antitrust cases in the last decade. In one example, Judge Morrison C. England of the Eastern District of California praised Hausfeld for having “the breadth of experience, resources and talent necessary to navigate” cases of import.

Recognizing the firm’s antitrust prowess, *Global Competition Review* has opined that Hausfeld is “one of—if not the— top Plaintiffs’ antitrust firm in the U.S.” *The Legal 500* and

Chambers and Partners likewise consistently rank Hausfeld among the top five firms in the United States for antitrust litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. And in naming Hausfeld to its Plaintiffs’ Hot List, *The National Law Journal* opined that Hausfeld “punches above its weight” and “isn’t afraid to take on firms far larger than its size and deliver results, especially in antitrust litigation.”

Hausfeld has achieved outstanding results in antitrust cases

Hausfeld lawyers have achieved precedent-setting legal decisions and historic trial victories, negotiated some of the world’s most complex settlement agreements, and have collectively recovered billions of dollars in settlement and judgments in antitrust cases. Key highlights include:

- ***In re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litig., 13-cv-7789 (S.D.N.Y.)***
Hausfeld serves as co-lead counsel in this case alleging financial institutions participated in a conspiracy to manipulate a key benchmark in the foreign exchange market. To date, the firm has obtained over **\$2.3 billion** in settlements from **fifteen defendants**. The case is ongoing against the remaining defendant.
- ***In re LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litig., No. 11-md-2262 (S.D.N.Y.)***
Hausfeld serves as co-lead counsel in this case against sixteen of the world’s largest financial institutions for conspiring to fix LIBOR, the primary benchmark for short-term interest rates. To date, the firm has obtained **\$590 million** in settlements with four defendants. An antitrust class has been certified and the case is ongoing against the remaining defendants.
- ***In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litig., No. 13-mdl-2496 (N.D. Ala.)***
The Court appointed Hausfeld attorneys as co-lead counsel, and to the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee, in this case against Blue Cross Blue Shield entities. This case was brought against over 30 Blue Cross companies and its trade association (BCBSA), and alleges that they illegally agreed not to compete with each other for health insurance subscribers across the United States. After defeating motions to dismiss, Hausfeld marshalled evidence from a

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record that consisted of over 14 million documents from more than thirty defendants and won a landmark ruling when the district court ruled that the per se standard would be applied to defendants' conduct. Plaintiffs will next move towards class certification and trial.

- ***O'Bannon v. NCAA, No. 09-cv-03329 (N.D. Cal.)***

In the landmark O'Bannon litigation, Hausfeld represented college athletes who collectively alleged that the NCAA, its members, and its commercial partners, violated federal antitrust law by unlawfully foreclosing former players from receiving any compensation related to the use of their names, images, and likenesses in television broadcasts, rebroadcasts, and videogames. In 2013, the plaintiffs announced a \$40 million settlement agreement with defendant Electronic Arts, Inc., which left the NCAA as the remaining defendant. Following trial in 2014, the Court determined that the NCAA had violated the antitrust laws and issued a permanent injunction. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the NCAA's violation of the antitrust laws and upheld significant injunctive relief—the practical effect of which is that college athletes can now each receive up to \$5,000 more every year as part of their scholarship package (to cover their education, travel and medical expenses, and acquire pre-professional training as they enter the work force).

- ***In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litig., No. 06-md-01738 (E.D.N.Y.)***

Hausfeld serves as co-lead counsel in the first class antitrust case in the United States against Chinese manufacturers. Hausfeld obtained settlements for the class of **\$22.5 million from two of the defendants**—the first after summary judgment, and the second just before closing arguments at trial. Days later, the jury reached a verdict against the remaining defendants, and the court entered a judgment for **\$148 million** after trebling the damages awarded. On appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, our clients prevailed, and the case was remanded for further consideration by the Second Circuit.

- ***In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litig., No. 06-md-1775 (E.D.N.Y.)***

Hausfeld served as co-lead counsel in this case alleging over thirty international airlines engaged in a conspiracy to fix the price of air cargo shipping services. The firm negotiated more than **\$1.2 billion** in settlements from over 30 defendants for the class, won certification of the class and defeated the defendants' motions for summary judgment.

- ***In re Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litigation, No. 3:15-md-02670-JLS-MDD (S.D. Cal.)***

The Court appointed Hausfeld attorneys as sole interim lead counsel for the putative class of direct purchasers of packaged seafood products, alleging a price-fixing conspiracy among the leading U.S. manufacturers—Chicken of the Sea, StarKist and Bumble Bee. On July 30, 2019, the Honorable District Judge Janis L. Sammartino of the Southern District of California granted class certification to a class of direct purchasers and appointed Hausfeld as class counsel. No trial date has yet been set.

- ***In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litig., No. 3:15-md-2626-J-20JRK (M.D. Fla.)***

Hausfeld serves as one of the three co-lead counsel for a nationwide class of consumers alleging horizontal and vertical conspiracies by the four leading contact lens manufacturers and their primary distributor to impose minimum resale price maintenance policies called "unilateral pricing policies," or "UPPs." On June 16, 2016, the court denied the defendants' motions to dismiss, and on February 21, 2018, the plaintiffs announced that they had reached a settlement with CooperVision. The court preliminarily approved that settlement on July 10, 2018. On December 4, 2018, the court certified a nationwide class of consumers asserting federal antitrust claims, as well as Maryland and California sub-classes. The case is scheduled to go to trial in February 2020.

- ***In re International Air Passenger Surcharge Antitrust Litig., No. 06-md-01793 (N.D. Cal.)***

Hausfeld served as co-lead counsel in this case against two international airlines alleged to have fixed fuel surcharges on flights between the United States and United Kingdom. Lawyers at the firm negotiated a ground-breaking **\$200 million** international settlement that provides recovery for both U.S. purchasers under U.S. antitrust laws and U.K. purchasers under U.K. competition laws.

- ***In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litig., No. 08-cv-2516 (S.D.N.Y.)***

Hausfeld served as co-lead counsel in this case against banks, insurance companies, and brokers accused of rigging bids on derivative instruments purchased by municipalities. The firm obtained over **\$200 million** in settlements with more than **ten defendants**.

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- *In re Automotive Aftermarket Lighting Products Antitrust Litig.*, No. 09-ML-2007 (C.D. Cal.)

Hausfeld served as co-lead counsel in this case against three manufacturers for participating in an international conspiracy to fix the prices of aftermarket automotive lighting products. The firm obtained over **\$50 million** in settlements.

- *In re Processed Egg Products Antitrust Litig.*, No. 08-cv-04653 (E.D. Pa.)

Hausfeld served as co-lead counsel in this case alleging that egg producers, through their trade associations, engaged in a scheme to artificially inflate egg prices by agreeing to restrict the supply of both laying hens and eggs. The firm obtained over **\$135 million** in settlements, won certification of a class of shell egg purchasers, and tried the case against the remaining defendants.

- *In re Fresh and Process Potatoes Antitrust Litig.*, No. 10-MD-2186 (D. Idaho)

Hausfeld served as chair of the executive committee in this case alleging that potato growers, their cooperatives, processors, and packers conspired to manipulate the price and supply of potatoes. In defeating defendants' motion to dismiss, the firm secured a judicial determination that supply restrictions are not protected conduct under a limited federal antitrust exemption available to certain grower associations—a novel question that had never before been decided by any court. The firm obtained **\$19.5 million** in settlements and valuable injunctive relief prohibiting future production limitation agreements, achieving global resolution of the case.

- *In re American Express Anti-Steering Rules Antitrust Litig.*, No. 11-md-2221 (E.D.N.Y.)

As lead counsel, Hausfeld represents a class of merchants and retailers against American Express. The merchants allege that American Express violated antitrust laws by requiring them to accept all American Express cards, and by preventing them from steering their customers to other payment methods.

- *In re Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litig.*, No. 15-1404 (CKK) (D.D.C.)

Hausfeld serves as co-lead counsel for a proposed class of domestic air passengers that collectively allege the defendants, the four major U.S. passenger air carriers — United, American, Delta, and Southwest — conspired to fix domestic airfares by colluding to limit their respective capacity. The passengers allege that Defendants, in which a common set of investors owned significant shares during the conspiracy period, carried out the conspiracy through repeated assurances to each other on earnings calls and other statements that they each were engaging in “capacity discipline”. In October 2016, the court denied defendants' motion to dismiss. Since that time, the firm has obtained \$60 million in settlements with American and Southwest. The litigation against United and Delta is ongoing.

Litigation Achievements

Significant Trial Victories

While many law firms like to talk about litigation experience, Hausfeld lawyers regularly bring cases to trial—and win. Among our trial victories are some of the largest antitrust cases in the modern era. For example, in *O'Bannon v. NCAA* (N.D. Cal.), we conducted a three-week bench trial before the chief judge of the Northern District of California, resulting in a complete victory for college athletes who alleged an illegal agreement among the National Collegiate Athletic Association and its member schools to deny payment to athletes for the commercial licensing of their names, images, and likenesses. Our victory in the *O'Bannon* litigation followed the successful trial efforts in *Law v. NCAA* (D. Kan.), a case challenging earning restrictions imposed on assistant college coaches in which the jury awarded **\$67 million** to the class plaintiffs that one of our lawyers represented.

In *In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.), we obtained, on behalf of our direct purchaser clients, a **\$148 million** jury verdict and judgment against Chinese pharmaceutical companies that fixed prices and controlled export output of Vitamin C—on the heels of \$22.5 million in settlements with other defendants, which represented the first civil settlements with Chinese companies in a U.S. antitrust cartel case. Years earlier, we took on a global vitamin price-fixing cartel in *In re Vitamins* (D.D.C.), in which we secured a **\$1.1 billion settlement** for a class of vitamin purchasers and then took the remaining defendants to trial, culminating in a **\$148 million jury verdict**.

Our trial experience extends to intellectual property matters and general commercial litigation as well. Recently, we represented entertainment companies that sought to hold internet service provider Cox Communications accountable for willful contributory copyright infringement by ignoring the illegal downloading activity of its users. Following a trial in *BMG Rights Management (US) LLC, v. Cox Enterprises, Inc.* (E.D. Va.), the jury returned a **\$25 million verdict** for our client. After the defendants appealed and prior to a new trial, the parties settled.

Exceptional Settlement Results

Over the past decade, Hausfeld has recouped over \$20 billion for clients and the classes they represented. We are proud of our record of successful dispute resolution. Among our settlement achievements, a selection of cases merit special mention.

In the high profile *In re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), we negotiated settlements totaling more than \$2.3 billion with fifteen banks accused of conspiring to manipulate prices paid in the foreign-exchange market. In another case involving allegations of pricefixing among the world's largest airfreight carriers, *In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.), we negotiated settlements with more than 30 defendants totaling over \$1.2 billion—all in advance of trial. In the ongoing *In re: LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.) case, we have secured settlements to date totaling \$590 million with Barclays (\$120 million), Citi (\$130 million), Deutsche Bank (\$240 million), and HSBC (\$100 million). The court has granted final approval to each of these settlements.

Most recently, Hausfeld served as class counsel in *Hale v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.* (S.D.Ill.). This case involved allegations that State Farm worked to help elect an Illinois state supreme court justice in order to overturn a billion-dollar judgment against it. On the day opening statements were to be delivered to the jury, State Farm agreed to settle for \$250 million. Finally, in the global *Marine Hose* matter, we broke new ground with the first private resolution of a company's global cartel liability without any arbitration, mediation, or litigation. That settlement enabled every one of Parker ITR's non-US marine-hose purchasers to recover up to 16% of their total purchases.

These cases are just five among dozens of recent landmark settlements across our practice areas.



Reputation and Leadership in the Antitrust Bar

Court Commendations

Judges across the country have taken note of Hausfeld's experience and results achieved in antitrust litigation.

"All class actions generally are more complex than routine actions... But this one is a doozy. This case is now I guess nearly more than ten years old. The discovery as I've noted has been extensive. The motion practice has been extraordinary... The recovery by the class is itself extraordinary. The case, the international aspect of the case is extraordinary. Chasing around the world after all these airlines is an undertaking that took enormous courage."

– Judge Brian M. Cogan

In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation, No. 06-md-1775 (E.D.N.Y.)

Comparing Hausfeld's work through trial to *Game of Thrones*: "where individuals with seemingly long odds overcome unthinkable challenges... For plaintiffs, their trial victory in this adventurous, risky suit, while more than a mere game, is nothing less than a win..."

– Magistrate Judge Nathanael M. Cousins

O'Bannon v. Nat'l College Athletic Ass'n, No. 09-cv-3329 (N.D. Cal.)

Hausfeld lawyers achieved "really, an outstanding settlement in which a group of lawyers from two firms coordinated the work... and brought an enormous expertise and then experience in dealing with the case." "[Hausfeld lawyers are] more than competent. They are outstanding."

– Judge Charles R. Breyer

In re International Air Passenger Surcharge Antitrust Litig., No. 06-md-01793 (N.D. Cal.) (approving a ground-breaking \$200 million international settlement that provided recovery for both U.S. purchasers under U.S. antitrust laws, and U.K. purchasers under U.K. competition laws.)

Hausfeld has "the breadth of experience, resources and talent necessary to navigate a case of this import." Hausfeld "stands out from the rest."

– District Judge Morrison C. England Jr.

Four In One v. SK Foods, No. 08-cv-3017 (E.D. Cal.)

"The class is represented by what I would describe as an all-star group of litigators..."

– District Judge David R. Herdon

Hale v. State Farm, No. 12-cv-00660-DRH-SCW (S.D. Ill.)



Awards and Recognitions



The Legal 500

In 2020, for the 11th consecutive year, Hausfeld was ranked in the top tier nationally for firms in antitrust civil litigation and class actions by *The Legal 500*. The publication described Hausfeld lawyers as “pragmatic, smart and focused litigation experts,” and the firm as “at the top of its game,” with “a number of heavyweight practitioners.” The publication has previously stated that:

“DC firm Hausfeld LLP remains top-notch in antitrust litigation... Hausfeld LLP is one of the most capable plaintiffs firms involved in the area of civil cartel enforcement, and is handling some of the major cartel-related cases...”

The Legal 500 has also recognized that Hausfeld is a “market transformer,” the “most innovative firm with respect to antitrust damages,” is “[d]riven by excellence,” “anticipates the evolving needs of clients,” and delivers “outstanding advice not only in legal terms but also with a true entrepreneurial touch. . . .”



Concurrences

In 2020, the Hausfeld Competition Bulletin article titled, “Data Exploiting as an Abuse of Dominance: The German Facebook Decision,” authored by Hausfeld lawyer Thomas Höppner, was awarded *Concurrences’* 2020 Writing Award in its Unilateral Conduct (Business) category.

In 2018, an article authored by Hausfeld lawyer Scott Martin, joined by co-authors Brian Henry and Michaela Spero, was awarded *Concurrences’* 2018 Writing Award for Private Enforcement (Business) Category. The article, “Cartel Damage Recovery: A Roadmap for In-House Counsel,” was originally published in *Antitrust Magazine*.

In 2017, Hausfeld’s Competition Bulletin was selected to be ranked among the top antitrust firms distributing newsletters and bulletins. Hausfeld is the only Plaintiffs’ firm to be ranked, and we secured the number one spot for Private Enforcement Newsletters.

In 2015, Hausfeld Partners Michael Hausfeld, Michael Lehmann and Sathya Gosselin won the *Concurrences’* 2015 Antitrust Writing Awards in the Private Enforcement (Academic) category for their article, “Antitrust Class Proceedings—Then and Now,” *Research in Law and Economics*, Vol. 26, 2014.



Benchmark Litigation

In 2020, Benchmark Litigation highlighted Hausfeld as a leader in the domain of dispute resolution, recognizing the firm at the national level, as well as regionally on both coasts.

Hausfeld was ranked by Benchmark for Antitrust/Competition Nationwide, and is one of only a small handful of plaintiff-side firms on the list. Hausfeld was also honored as a ‘Recommended Top Plaintiff Firm’ Nationwide, and described by the publication as “an undisputed trailblazer, identified as a ubiquitous presence by peers on both the plaintiff and defense sides of the ‘V.’” A peer on the defense side commented to the publication that

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Hausfeld is always in mix among antitrust and sports matters, “at least in the biggest and best cases.” Further to Hausfeld’s national recognitions, Benchmark recognized several individuals in the firm’s San Francisco and Washington, DC offices.



2019 Antitrust Report

Hausfeld has been recognized as the leading plaintiffs’ firm for class recovery in antitrust litigation between 2009 and 2019. This statistic was noted in the “2019 Antitrust Annual Report” released jointly by the University of San Francisco Law School and The Huntington National Bank. Hausfeld was listed as the top firm out of the 25 analyzed in this section of the report, having achieved an aggregate settlement class recovery totaling nearly \$5.2 billion over 11 years.



Who’s Who Legal

In 2019, *Who’s Who Legal* honored Hausfeld as the ‘Competition Plaintiff Firm of the Year,’ noting that the firm is, “a giant in the competition plaintiff field that once again demonstrates the strength and depth of its expertise...”

In 2018, the publication recognized the firm as “[a] powerhouse in the plaintiffs’ litigation field, with particularly deep capability in competition matters,” highlighting “nine outstanding litigators.”



Financial Times

In 2019, the *Financial Times* named Hausfeld one of the 25 ‘Most Innovative Law Firms: Overall’ in North America. Notably, Hausfeld was the only plaintiffs’ firm to make the list. In 2018, the *Financial Times’* Innovative Lawyers Report honored Hausfeld with the ‘Innovation in Legal Expertise - Dispute Resolution’ award for the firm’s work with Dutch transportation insurer TVM. The *Financial Times* followed up this award by commending Hausfeld in its 2018 North America Innovative Lawyers Report for its representation of plaintiffs in In Re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litigation. Hausfeld is proud to be the only plaintiffs’ firm to have received recognition in the category of ‘dispute resolution’ for 2018 on both sides of the Atlantic.

In 2016, the *Financial Times* named Hausfeld as a top innovative law firm. Writing about Hausfeld’s innovation in the legal market, the *Financial Times* noted: “The firm has taken the litigation finance model to Germany, to turn company inhouse legal departments into profit centres.”

In 2015, Michael Hausfeld was recognized by the *Financial Times* as one of the Top 10 Innovative Lawyers in North America.

In 2013, Hausfeld won the *Financial Times* Innovative Lawyer Dispute Resolution Award. The FT stated that Hausfeld has “[p]ioneered a unique and market-changing litigation funding structure that improved accessibility and enabled victims to pursue actions with little or no risk.”

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Global Competition Review

In 2018, Hausfeld attorneys were awarded *Global Competition Review's* "Litigation of the Year – Cartel Prosecution" commending its work on *In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation*. In this historic case, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hausfeld's clients, setting forth criteria and a framework for courts to use when assessing the credibility and weight to give to a foreign government's expression of its own laws.

In 2016, Hausfeld was awarded *Global Competition Review's* "Litigation of the Year – Cartel Prosecution" for its work on *In re Foreign Exchange Antitrust Benchmark Litigation*. The award recognized Hausfeld's success in the Foreign Exchange litigation to date, which has included securing settlements for more than \$2.3 billion in on behalf of a class of injured foreign exchange investors and overcoming three motions to dismiss in the action.

In 2015, Hausfeld attorneys were awarded *Global Competition Review's* "Litigation of the Year – Non-Cartel Prosecution," which recognized their trial victory in *O'Bannon v. NCAA*, a landmark case brought on behalf of college athletes challenging the NCAA's restrictions on payment for commercial licensing of those athletes' names, images, and likenesses in various media.



U.S. News & World Report

Since 2016, *U.S. News & World Report* – Best Law Firms has named Hausfeld to its top tier in both Antitrust Law and Litigation, and among its top tiers in Commercial Litigation. Hausfeld was also recognized in New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC in Antitrust Law, Litigation, Mass Torts and Commercial Litigation.



American Antitrust Institute

In 2018, Hausfeld and its co-counsel received the *American Antitrust Institute's* award for 'Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice' for their trial and appellate victories in *In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litigation*.

In 2016, the *American Antitrust Institute* honored two Hausfeld case teams—*In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litig.* (E.D.N.Y.) and *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.)—with its top award for Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice. Taken together, these two cases have yielded settlements of over \$1.4 billion to class members after nearly a decade of litigation. The award celebrates private civil actions that provide significant benefits to clients, consumers, or a class and contribute to the positive development of antitrust policy.

In 2015, Hausfeld and fellow trial counsel won the American Antitrust Institute's award for Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice for their trial and appellate victories in *O'Bannon v. NCAA*.

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Chambers & Partners

In 2020, *Chambers and Partners* named Hausfeld to its highest tier, Band 1, for “Antitrust: Plaintiff – USA – Nationwide,” noting that the firm is:

“able to deploy a deep bench of trial attorneys with outstanding litigation experience,” and is “renowned for its abilities representing plaintiffs in multidistrict class action antitrust suits across the country involving a wide variety of antitrust issues.”

Clients reported to the publication that “Hausfeld is a great partner that makes sure to understand our perspective,” and peers have commended the firm’s “terrific, deep bench.”

Hausfeld was one of just four law firms ranked in Band 1. Hausfeld’s New York office was also named to Band 1 for “Antitrust: Mainly Plaintiff – New York.”

The publication has also previously noted the firm’s attributes as including:

- A reputation as a “[m]arket-leading plaintiffs’ firm with considerable experience in antitrust class action suits and criminal cartel investigations.”
- “[N]umerous successes in the area, resulting in major recovery or settlements for its clients.”
- Firm Chair Michael Hausfeld’s record as “a very successful and able antitrust litigator,” and “one of the titans of the Plaintiffs Bar.”

Additionally, between 2016 and 2019, *Chambers & Partners UK* ranked Hausfeld in the top tier among London firms representing private claimants in competition matters and recognized the firm’s accomplishments in Banking Litigation.

National Law Journal

In 2015, Hausfeld was named to the *National Law Journal’s* “Plaintiffs Hot List” for the fourth year in a row. The publication elaborated:

“Hausfeld’s creative approaches underpinned key antitrust wins last year, including a trailblazing victory for former college athletes over the use of their likenesses in television broadcasts and video games...” and Hausfeld, along with its co-counsel, “nailed down a \$99.5 million settlement with JPMorgan Chase & Co. in January in New York federal court for alleged manipulation of market benchmarks. And it helped land nearly \$440 million in settlements last year, and more than \$900 million thus far, in multidistrict antitrust litigation against air cargo companies.”

In 2014, *The National Law Journal* named Hausfeld as one of a select group of America’s Elite Trial Lawyers, as determined by “big victories in complex cases that have a wide impact on the law and legal business.” The award notes that Hausfeld is among those “doing the most creative and substantial work on the plaintiffs side.”



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Diversity and Inclusion

Hausfeld is committed to diversity and inclusion, because we know that embracing a variety of viewpoints and backgrounds allows us to gain better insights and strengthen our practice. Our diversity is reflected throughout our dozens of case teams leading class actions across the country. We are proud that half of our lawyers are women, who lead some of the largest price-fixing and market manipulation antitrust MDLs in the United States on behalf of our firm.

Hausfeld's Diversity and Inclusion Committee is committed to examining and improving all aspects of our hiring, benefits, training, support, and promotion practices to ensure that we maintain the highest standards for ourselves, and continually strive for improvement. We seek to ensure that all of our attorneys are provided the resources they need to excel, and are given opportunities to lead, both within and outside the firm.

Thought Leadership

Hausfeld lawyers do more than litigation. They exercise thought leadership in many fields. Hausfeld lawyers host, lecture at, and participate in leading legal conferences worldwide and address ground-breaking topics including: the pursuit of damages actions in the United States and the European Union on behalf of EU and other non-U.S. plaintiffs; nascent private civil enforcement of EU competition laws; application of the FTAIA; the impact of *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes* and *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend* on class certification; reforms to the Federal Civil Rules of Procedure; emerging issues in complex litigation; and legal technology and electronic discovery.

Hausfeld attorneys have presented before Congressional subcommittees, regulators, judges, business leaders, in-house counsel, private lawyers, public-interest advocates, elected officials and institutional investors, and hold leadership positions in organizations such as the American Bar Association, the American Antitrust Institute, the Women Antitrust Plaintiffs' Attorneys network group, the Sedona Conference and the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System.

Selected Articles

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