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OVERVIEW

Victoria Pereira Duarte is an associate in the firm's Chicago office. She is a member of the Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation practice group. She focuses her practice on complex civil and criminal litigation, government enforcement, domestic and international internal investigations, corporate criminal defense, and antitrust counseling. Victoria has experience representing clients in federal and state courts, mostly in matters involving the Department of Justice and federal antitrust class actions, against allegations of price-fixing, customer allocation, bid-rigging, unfair competition and other restraints of trade. She also has experience conducting internal investigations for domestic and international corporations across a variety of industries. Her cases often involve defending corporations and individuals who are subjects of federal and state grand jury subpoenas and enforcement proceedings. She has also represented United States and international companies in antitrust class actions and multidistrict litigation.

Victoria's practice also includes counseling clients on antitrust compliance to help companies mitigate antitrust risks. She has represented corporations in the establishment and maintenance of antitrust compliance and audit programs. She also advises clients on a variety of antitrust and competition issues, including competitor collaborations, information exchanges, bidding accounts, and entering into joint ventures.

The K&L Gates Antitrust and Competition group has been recognized by *Chambers USA* for Antitrust in Illinois (2020-2022), by *U.S. News-Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms” First-Tier Antitrust Law (2017-2022), and as the “Cartel & Trade Regulation Law Firm of the Year in Illinois” by the international review and assessment programs of both Corporate INTL Magazine and Global Law Experts (2016).

Victoria's pro bono experience includes representing sex-trafficking survivors seeking expungement of criminal records, veterans seeking adjustment to their benefits, and researching anti-stalking law and policy to aid a nonprofit's advocacy for anti-stalking legislation in a number of different countries.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Victoria was a summer associate at K&L Gates in 2019. While attending University of Notre Dame Law School, she served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Ronald F. Bartkowicz of the State of Illinois Circuit Court of Cook County. At Notre Dame Law, Victoria was an Articles Editor of the Notre Dame Journal of International and

Comparative Law and served as a mediator for a mediation clinic based in Indiana and Michigan. Through this role, she provided mediation services to individuals litigating civil disputes. Cases included both civil and domestic relations matters, including child custody, child support, parenting time, contract disputes, adult guardianship, and other matters referred by the courts for mediation. Additionally, Victoria facilitated settlement options and drafted mediation agreements to be submitted to courts in various counties.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association, Antitrust Section and Young Lawyers Division

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School, 2020
- B.S., Carnegie Mellon University, 2016 *University Honors*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 16 February 2026, California Enacts Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act
- 23 January 2026, FTC Announces New HSR Notification Thresholds for 2026
- 18 July 2025, US Department of Justice Antitrust Division Introduces Whistleblower Reward Program to Encourage Disclosure of Antitrust Violations
- 1 July 2025, Colorado Enacts Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Law
- 26 February 2025, HSR Overhaul Takes Effect: A New Era For Dealmakers
- 15 October 2024, DOJ Speaks Again: Information Exchanges Can Constitute Stand-Alone Violation of Antitrust Laws
- 20 September 2023, Antitrust and AI: US Antitrust Regulators Increasingly Focused on the Potential Anticompetitive Effects of AI

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Competitive Implications of Pricing Algorithms Under the United States Antitrust Laws," CPI Antirust Chronicle, 28 February 2024
- Co-author, "Chapter 7 – Ninth Circuit: Apple Case Leads to Additional Clarity on Section 1 Claims," GCR US Courts Annual Review (4th ed.), 2023
- Co-author, "U.S. Courts Annual Review, Ninth Circuit," *Global Competition Review,* 24 June 2022
- Co-author, "U.S. Courts Annual Review, Ninth Circuit," *Global Competition Review*, 19 July 2021

NEWS & EVENTS

- 26 September 2022, K&L Gates Secures Victory for Koch Foods in Criminal Price-Fixing Case

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representing a global energy trading company and its U.S. subsidiary in a series of 25 federal class actions and a civil action by the California Attorney General involving allegations of market manipulation and violations of the antitrust and unfair competition laws stemming from trading activity in the California gasoline spot market.
- Represented multinational pharmaceutical company, in nationwide multidistrict antitrust class action brought by various purchasers alleging an industry-wide cartel involving price-fixing and customer allocation agreements and conspiracies, and in related direct action litigation.
- Represented a U.S.-based food processor and distributor in a grand jury investigation and prosecution conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division regarding alleged bid-rigging and price-fixing in the sale of poultry products. We achieved a full dismissal of the indictment for our client.
- Representing a global generic pharmaceutical manufacturer headquartered in Australia, in a nationwide multidistrict antitrust class action brought by various purchasers alleging an industry-wide cartel involving price-fixing and customer allocation agreements and conspiracies.
- Representing a global company in the development, implementation and maintenance of an antitrust compliance and audit program and advised on the company's antitrust risks.