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TOP ANTITRUST LAWYERS 2025



Meet the practitioners shaping how markets compete in a year of landmark antitrust actions.



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Christopher Dusseault has spent three decades at Gibson Dunn handling antitrust litigation matters involving billions of dollars in potential exposure and products that touch millions of Americans' daily lives.

He represents clients in private antitrust lawsuits, primarily class actions where plaintiffs seek trebled damages under the Sherman Act. His recent caseload spans real estate commissions, professional sports broadcasting rights and university financial aid practices.

Dusseault leads the team representing Berkshire Hathaway affiliate HomeServices in a nationwide class action in the Southern District of Florida. A putative class of home buyers brought antitrust claims alleging that leading brokerages and the National Association of Realtors conspired to inflate real estate commissions, leading buyers to pay higher prices for their homes. *Lutz v. HomeServices of America, Inc. et al*, 4:24-cv-10040 (S.D. Fla., filed April 29, 2024).

On July 15, the district court granted the defense motion to dismiss all claims, finding that plaintiffs lacked antitrust standing to pursue their Sherman Act claim and had failed to adequately plead their state law claims.

"This is one of my most significant matters because of the recent surge in antitrust claims challenging residential real estate broker commissions, the astronomical damages plaintiffs seek in these cases, and the importance of residential real estate in the lives of many Americans," Dusseault said.

In a separate matter, he helps lead the Gibson Dunn team handling the Ninth Circuit appeal after a jury returned a \$4.7 billion pre-trebling verdict for two classes of plaintiffs alleging anticompetitive conduct with respect to the NFL's Sunday Ticket television offering.

The district court granted the NFL's motion and directed judgment in the NFL's favor in full on Aug. 1, 2024. The appeal is fully briefed and will likely be argued in early 2026.

Lastly, Dusseault leads the team representing Duke University in a nationwide class action alleging that private universities conspired to limit financial aid by collecting information concerning the finances of non-custodial parents. *Hansen v. Northwestern University*, 1:24-cv-09667, (N.D. Ill., filed Oct. 7, 2024)

In September, the district court granted the motion of all defendants to dismiss plaintiffs' claims on the merits. While the court granted plaintiffs leave to amend, they elected not to do so.

Dusseault identifies current trends in antitrust class actions including focus on trade associations and their rules, algorithmic pricing formulas, and simplified damages arguments where plaintiffs contend that all or virtually all of the price paid represents an overcharge.

"My cases often involve products and services that people buy and use every day and that are an important part of their lives," he said, adding: "My job is to explain to judges and jurors that while these products are important to their daily lives, that doesn't mean the story they are being told is what actually happened."