



# VEGA ECONOMICS

## ANTITRUST PRACTICE

Antitrust issues are guided by economic concepts such as market power and competition. The experts at Vega Economics help our clients interpret these complex issues in a logical and organized way. Expert testimony from economists is critical to establishing the violation of antitrust law.

Economists at Vega provide support and expert testimony to address antitrust issues such as: restraint of trade in a relevant product and geographic markets, causation of antitrust, and quantification of damages. Some examples of our current and recent engagements are included below.

### **Bond Price Rigging Litigation:**

Vega is currently engaged to develop economic analyses and provide technical writing to be used in drafting of a complaint alleging collusion among bond traders to fix bond prices. Our team utilized public data to find evidence that could confirm the existence and measure the impact of defendants' conspiracy in the bond market. These analyses demonstrated that defendants' price-fixing conspiracy artificially inflated prices investors paid when buying bonds and deflated prices when selling bonds.

### **Benchmark Rate Antitrust Litigation:**

Our team provided litigation consulting and support in a benchmark rate antitrust class action. Investors claimed that the allegedly rigged benchmark rates diminished their returns on trades, pension plans, and savings accounts.

Vega was retained to assist with development of case strategy and overall case management including providing market and technical analytics and discovery support. Vega assisted counsel in isolating the key economic factors needing expert testimony and provided academic and industry experts to support these analyses.

### **Healthcare Antitrust Multi-District Litigation:**

Vega was retained to analyze market concentration and evaluate territorial constraints. One of our expert economists presented to the court regarding the economics issues in the case and the extent of the anticompetitive behavior. Our team developed a damages methodology to support class certification and provided management and provision of large-scale discovery documents and data.

### **Market Entry of Pharmaceutical Company:**

A Vega expert was retained to conduct advanced economic and statistical analyses of alleged monopolization, including demand estimation, market definition, and estimation of price erosion. The case involved a leading pharmaceutical company whose drug application for a blockbuster drug was attempting to enter as a generic drug.

## **VEGA ANTITRUST EXPERTS**

In addition to our extensive team experience on antitrust issues, Vega has more than 20 antitrust experts who have additional experience in a variety of industries. Our experts have testified in court, submitted expert reports, and have served as amici curiae. Select experience includes:

- Provided a declaration of antitrust issues before the Federal Trade Commission;
- Served as an amicus curiae regarding antitrust issues in several high-profile cases;
- Estimation of economics damages and measuring market impacts of international commodity trade;
- Evaluation of collusion in the US consumer payment card market; and
- Submitted expert reports concerning collusion in the US market for acquisition by financial sponsors.

## Vega Services Overview:

Vega has experience assisting clients with:

- Economic case assessment and consulting support;
- Market and technical analytics;
- Quantification of potential economic exposure;
- Identifying immediate and ongoing expert needs, sourcing experts, and subsequent expert management and support;
- Expert report analysis, writing, research, and technical assistance;
- Deposition preparation and trial support, including production of demonstratives;
- Discovery document review; and
- eDiscovery hosting and technical support.



## Vega Value:

- A robust suite of consulting services including advanced technical analysis and knowledge of nuanced market dynamics, complemented by our ability to present to a variety of audiences in a refined, straightforward manner.
- Sourcing, interviewing, and efficient cross-collaboration with experts and counsel.
- Production of timely, accurate, and high-quality deliverables.
- Improved efficiency of discovery review process and output generation in an expedited time-frame.
- Aid with written communications, deposition and trial preparation, and timely case observations and recommendations.



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