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A Fighter for Fair Competition

Dean M. Harvey represents workers, consumers, and small businesses in antitrust and intellectual property cases.

Dean is among the nation's leading advocates for workers asserting antitrust claims, and leads Lieff Cabraser's work on labor antitrust cases. He represented a nationwide class of over 64,000 high-tech workers against Google, Apple, Intel and other tech giants for conspiring to suppress the mobility and compensation of their technical employees. This landmark case resulted in the largest recovery (by far) of any class action asserting antitrust claims in the employment context: \$435 million. The Daily Journal described the case as the "most significant antitrust employment case in recent history," adding that it "has been widely recognized as a legal and public policy breakthrough." The case is the subject of a documentary: When Rules Don't Apply.

Dean was Lead Class Counsel of two classes of professors of Duke University and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, regarding an understanding between the schools not to compete for each other's faculty. Those two cases resulted in settlements totaling \$73.5 million and unprecedented injunctive relief, including an important enforcement role for the United States Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General Delrahim remarked: "Permitting the United States to become part of this settlement agreement in this private antitrust case, and thereby to obtain all of the relief and protections it likely would have sought after a lengthy investigation, demonstrates the benefits that can be obtained efficiently for the American worker when public and private enforcement work in tandem."

Dean was Co-Lead Class Counsel of a nationwide class of workers who alleged a conspiracy between the world's two leading rail equipment suppliers to suppress the pay of their employees. That case led to total settlements of \$48.95 million. He is also Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel regarding a nationwide class of skilled medical workers regarding agreements among the nation's leading outpatient medical centers not to compete for each other's workers.

Dean also represents consumers and small businesses in cases challenging price-fixing conspiracies, particularly regarding the exorbitant prices of prescription drugs. For example, the Cipro litigation led to a landmark (and unanimous) decision by the California Supreme Court upholding the rights of consumers to challenge backroom deals between brand name drug makers and generic manufacturers to eliminate competition for life-saving medications. That case led to total settlements of \$399 million, nearly \$68 million more than estimated damages. The trial court described the outcome as “extraordinary,” adding that it was “not aware of any case” that “has taken roughly 17 years,” where, net of fees, end-payor “claimants will get basically 100 cents on the dollar[.]” Currently, Dean represents a municipal public employee union and other proposed class members challenging a wide-ranging alleged conspiracy among generic drug makers to inflate the prices of many generic drugs. The conspiracy has been described as most likely the largest cartel in the history of the United States.

Dean is also Lead Interim Class Counsel for a proposed class of purchasers of bail bonds in California. This first-of-its-kind case alleges a conspiracy among sureties and bail agents to inflate bail bond prices.

Dean was a Law Clerk to the Honorable James V. Selna of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Dean has been recognized many times as among the leading antitrust litigators in California and the nation. In 2019, the American Antitrust Institute selected Dean for its “Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Practice Award,” regarding his path-breaking work challenging a faculty no-poach agreement between Duke University and the University of North Carolina. The Daily Journal has twice named him as among the “Top Antitrust Lawyers in California,” and Dean was a 2016 California Lawyer “Attorney of the Year” because of his role in the Cipro antitrust litigation. In 2006, Dean received the first annual William E. Swope Antitrust Writing Award for his paper, “Anticompetitive Social Norms as Antitrust Violations,” published by the California Law Review.

Dean is a member of the American Antitrust Institute’s Advisory Board, and serves as an Expert Participant assisting the California Law Revision Commission in its assessment of California antitrust law. Dean previously served as Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law, Competition Torts Committee, and as a member of the Law360 Competition Editorial Advisory Board.

Areas of Practice

Antitrust & Intellectual Property, Consumer Protection, Employment Law

Education

University of California at Berkeley, School of Law (Berkeley Law), Berkeley, California
J.D. - 2006

Law Review: California Law Review, Articles Editor, 2005 - 2006

Law Journal: Berkeley Journal of International Law, Assistant Editor, 2004

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota

B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) - 2002

Bar Admissions

California, 2007

U.S. Supreme Court, 2018

U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, 2016

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2019

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2008
U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 2020
U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2007
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, 2008
U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 2007
U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, 2008
U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 2022
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2018
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2010

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association
American Antitrust Institute (Advisory Board)
Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section of the California Lawyers Association (Executive Committee)
Bar Association of San Francisco
San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
State Bar of California

Speaking Engagements

Panelist, “Antitrust in Labor and Employment Markets,” Minnesota Bar Association Tri-Bar Event, June 2024
Panelist, “Draft DOJ/FTC Merger Guidelines: Useful for Private Enforcement?” AAI 17th Annual Private Antitrust Enforcement Conference, November 2023
Speaker, 2nd Antitrust Public/Private Enforcement Roundtable, ABA Antitrust Law Section, October 2023
Panelist, “Antitrust in Labor and Employment Markets,” ABA 2023 Litigation Section Annual Conference, April 2023
Panelist, “The Rise and Demise of the Non-Compete?” IFSEA webinar panel, February 2023
Panelist, “Is Labor the Next Frontier of Antitrust?” BJIL 2022 Riesenfeld Symposium, Big Money, Big Enforcement: New Frontiers in Global Antitrust Regulation, February 2022
Panelist, “How Does Labor Law Intersect with Antitrust Law?” American Bar Association 14th Annual Labor and Employment Law Conference, November 2020
Speaker, “Current and Future Antitrust and Labor Issues,” National Association of Attorneys General, April 2019
Panelist, “Competition Tort Claims Around the Globe,” ABA Antitrust Section Spring Meeting, March 2019
Speaker, “Antitrust and Silicon Valley: New Themes and Direction in Competition Law and Policy,” Santa Clara University School of Law, March 2019
Speaker, “Antitrust Analysis in Two-Sided Markets,” California Lawyers Association, February 2019
Speaker, “Latest Developments in No-Poach Agreements,” California Lawyers Association, 2019
Panelist, “Antitrust and Workers – Agreements, Mergers, and Monopsony,” American Antitrust Institute Annual Conference, 2018
Speaker, “Anticompetitive Practices in the Labor Market,” Unrigging the Market Program, Harvard Law School, 2018
Speaker, “Tech-Savvy and Talented: Competition in Employment Practices,” American Bar Association, 2018
Speaker, “Antitrust for HR: No-Poach and Wage Fixing Agreements,” Bar Association of San Francisco, 2018
Moderator, “Competition Torts in the Trenches,” American Bar Association, 2016
Speaker, “Are Computers About to Eat Your Lunch (Or At Least Change the Way You Practice)?”, Association of Business Trial Lawyers Panel, 2016

Moderator, "The Law and Economics of Employee Non-Compete Agreements," American Bar Association, 2016

Panelist, "The Future of Private Antitrust Enforcement," American Antitrust Institute's Young Lawyers Breakfast, 2015

Panelist, "Lessons from the Headlines: *In re: High-Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation*," The Recorder & Corporate Counsel's 13th Annual General Counsel Conference West Coast, 2015

Moderator, "From High-Tech Labor to Sandwich Artists: The Law and Economics of Employee Solicitation and Hiring," American Bar Association, 2015

Panelist, "Tech Sector 'No Poaching' Case Update- What Antitrust Counselors and HR Departments Need to Know," American Bar Association, 2015

Speaker, "Cases at the Intersection of Class Actions and Employee Protection Regulations," Law Seminars International, 2015

Speaker, Town Hall Meeting, American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law Business Torts & Civil RICO Committee, 2014

Panelist, "If You Don't Steal My Employees, I Won't Steal Yours: The Antitrust Treatment of Non-Poaching and Non-Solicitation Agreements," American Bar Association, 2013

Panelist, "In the Wake of *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion*: Perspectives on the Future of Class Litigation," American Bar Association, 2011

Published Works

Moderator, "Cartwright Act Reform," Golden State Institute, California Lawyers Association Antitrust & Consumer Protection Section, October 2025

Co-Author with Yaman Salahi, Comments of the Antitrust Law Section of the ABA in Connection with the FTC Workshop on "Non-Competes in the Workplace: Examining Antitrust and Consumer Protection Issues," April 2020

Co-Author, "Play Ball: Potential Private Rights of Action Emerging From the FIFA Corruption Scandal," 11 Business Torts & RICO News 1, Summer 2015

Contributing Author, "The Class Action Fairness Act: Law and Strategy," American Bar Association, 2013

Contributing Author, "Concurrent Antitrust Criminal and Civil Proceedings: Identifying Problems and Planning for Success," American Bar Association, 2013

Co-Editor, California Class Actions Practice and Procedures, 2010 - 2013

Articles Editor, Competition, The Journal of the Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section of the State Bar of California, 2012

Contributing Author, ABA Annual Review of Antitrust Law Developments, 2011

New Guidance for Standard Setting Organizations: Broadcom Corp. v. Qualcomm Inc. and In the Matter of Rambus, Inc., 5 ABA Sherman Act Section 1 Newsl. 35, 2008

"Anticompetitive Social Norms as Antitrust Violations," 94 Calif. L. Rev. 769, 2006

Honors and Awards

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America," Lawdragon, 2025, 2026

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2019-2025

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers," Lawdragon, 2025

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Employment & Civil Rights Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2021-2025

"Recommended Lawyer – Competition: Plaintiff," Lexology Index 2025

"Super Lawyer for Northern California," Super Lawyers, 2013-2025

"Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Litigation," American Antitrust Institute, 2024

"Employment Law Trailblazer," National Law Journal, 2022

"Top Antitrust Lawyers in California," Daily Journal, 2020, 2021

“Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement,” American Antitrust Institute, 2020
“California Trailblazer,” The Recorder, 2020
“Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement,” American Antitrust Institute, 2017, 2019
“On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyers,” American Bar Association, 2017
“Top 40 Under 40,” Daily Journal, 2017
“California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award,” California Lawyer, 2016
“Lawyers on the Fast Track,” The Recorder, 2013
“Rising Star for Northern California,” Super Lawyers, 2010-2012
“William E. Swope Antitrust Writing Prize,” 2006