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Peter Kontio concentrates his practice in antitrust and other business litigation, arbitrations and internal and government investigations. Peter has defended antitrust or consumer class actions in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington State. He has defended antitrust and competition law investigations in Australia, Canada, China, Europe, Japan, South Africa, South Korea and the United States and has conducted internal investigations in Asia, North and South America and Europe regarding potential antitrust, foreign corrupt practices and export control issues.

Peter leads several Alston & Bird client teams that serve NYSE-traded corporations in the telecommunications, technology, automotive and food service industries. A highly regarded litigator, he is repeatedly listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and Georgia Super Lawyers and has twice been named a Client Service All-Star by BTI Consulting. Peter was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2016 and 2017 Litigation – Antitrust “Lawyer of the Year” in Atlanta.

Peter is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Clark University, with high honors in economics. He received his J.D. from The University of Chicago Law School, where he served on *The University of Chicago Law Review*.

Representative Experience

- Defended a major telecommunications products manufacturer in class actions and other complex litigation in California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, New York and Washington and in International Chamber of Commerce arbitrations.
- Defended a national credit reporting company in antitrust litigation in state and federal courts in California and in federal courts in Maryland, Minnesota and Ohio.
- Defended a wireless telecommunications provider in class actions in California, Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington.
- Defended a major agribusiness in class action litigation in Alabama and in arbitrations in California and the District of Columbia.
- Advised on the formation, and defense of an Antitrust Division investigation, of a joint venture among the three largest competitors in an industry.
- Defended an FTC inquiry into patent licensing practices.
- Numerous federal antitrust grand jury and foreign competition law investigations.
- Represented a corporate plaintiff in multidistrict antitrust litigation in San Francisco regarding liquid crystal displays.
- ICC arbitrations involving more than \$1 billion in claimed damages.
- Strategic advice regarding CPSC and global product recall issues.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Bar Association, Antitrust and Litigation Sections
- Former president and judicially appointed board member, Federal Defender Program, Northern District of Georgia

Education

- The University of Chicago (J.D., 1973)
- Clark University (A.B., 1970)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

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