

Scalia Law School at George Mason University
Course 304: Global Antitrust Institute Legal Practicum
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Welcome to the Global Antitrust Institute Legal Practicum. The Global Antitrust Institute (GAI) was created to promote the application of sound economic analysis to competition enforcement around the world through economic education programs, competition advocacy, and research. Through its Competition Advocacy Program (CAP) the GAI provides to foreign competition enforcers recommendations on draft laws and guidelines. These recommendations are designed to facilitate the adoption of economically sound competition policy.

This course provides students the opportunity to engage in the global antitrust community by analyzing an active proposal by a competition agency, legislative body or other governmental entity to enact or modify competition law and policy in a foreign jurisdiction. The course combines practical lectures with hands-on experience in research and writing comments on behalf of GAI along with the GAI faculty.

Students who complete this course should attain the following Learning Objectives:

- To demonstrate the skills needed to identify the competition agency and other relevant government institutions in any of the 130+ jurisdictions around the world that have active competition law systems
- To identify and access the key sources of public information about impending legislative, agency or other governmental proposals to enact or amend competition law and policy
- To identify appropriate opportunities for competition advocacy, and to craft written submissions most likely to persuade the target entity to act in accord with the best economic understandings relevant to the issue at hand
- To identify available sources of the most persuasive economic analysis of key issues relevant to advocacy submissions
- To provide arguments using presentation style and language best calculated to win understanding and acceptance, while avoiding unnecessary discord
- To ensure that advocacy submissions are provided to the recipient in compliance with all applicable rules, procedures, customs and practices

Course Book: There is no assigned textbook.

Grading: Student grades will be based upon student writing assignments completed on behalf of GAI. In particular, 100 percent of a student's grade will be based on the student's work preparing and drafting legal documents filed on behalf of GAI, such as comments to foreign competition agencies, legislative bodies, or courts. Student writing assignments are also likely to include research memoranda on developments in competition law in various jurisdictions. Each student will be assigned to monitor one or more international jurisdictions and report orally or in writing on developments. In-class discussion and participation are also important. A student's overall grade based may be adjusted one step upward or downward (for example, from an A up to an A+ or down to an A-) based on the student's participation during in-class discussions. Class attendance is critical.

Class Meetings: Class will be held on **Wednesdays from 9:50 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.** The first class meeting is on **Wednesday, January 17**. Class meetings will be dedicated primarily to discussing the ongoing projects of the CAP program, developments in foreign jurisdictions, and occasional guest speakers.

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