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OVERVIEW

Dan solves antitrust and related regulatory issues for businesses in the construction, modeling, sports, financial services, publishing, energy, retail, and health care industries. He collaborates with businesses on planning strategic acquisitions in concentrated markets, structuring joint ventures and other collaborations, advocating before enforcement agencies (DOJ, the FTC, and State AGs), and litigating complex antitrust cases in federal courts across the nation.

Utilizing his knowledge of markets and trade policy and dynamics, Dan similarly assists businesses with navigating trade and supply chain issues, including foreign direct investment (CFIUS), export controls (EAR) and tariffs, duties, and trade sanctions.

Renewable energy developers, electric vehicle manufacturers, and battery supply chain companies involved in the electrification ecosystem across the U.S. rely on Dan to navigate complex regulatory and policy matters to help develop a robust domestic green energy infrastructure.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Antitrust Litigation

- In a seminal group boycott case, represented Bauer Publishing, one of five publishers sued by magazine wholesaler Anderson News, for allegedly perpetrating a boycott to drive it out of business. After extensive discovery, Bauer successfully moved for summary judgment on the basis that Anderson could not support an inference of collusion. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York granted summary judgment, dismissing the case which sought \$371 million in damages, which was affirmed by the Second Circuit.
- Represented the largest electrical union chapter in the U.S. in a group boycott case brought by contractors with laborers affiliated with members of a rival union. After extensive discovery, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York granted summary judgment finding that the proof did not support an inference of collusion. The Second Circuit affirmed the decision.
- Represented a commercial bank in asserting a monopolization claim against a large Patent Assertion Entity for its acquisition of, and enforcement activities with respect to, a patent portfolio. This was the first antitrust plaintiff to advance this theory to the summary judgment stage of litigation.
- Represented the Consumer Data Industry Association in obtaining dismissal with prejudice by the U.S. District

Court for the Southern District of New York of a claim that it monopolized credit reporting guidelines.

- Represented a battery component company in connection with a monopolization claim asserted against it in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. The matter was successfully resolved.
- Represented a multinational optical lens company in the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in asserting a patent misuse defense in connection with a patent infringement claim asserted against it.
- Represented a public utility in an antitrust action brought by the California Attorney General alleging a conspiracy to overcharge California citizens for energy. The case was dismissed on a motion to dismiss, which was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit.
- Represented an artificial tree manufacturer in defending against bid-rigging and predatory pricing claims in U.S. District Court of Minnesota. The antitrust claims were voluntarily dismissed.
- Represented clients on confidential criminal antitrust investigations and successfully convinced the U.S. Justice Department to avoid pursuing criminal charges.

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Antitrust Counseling

- Represents clients in connection with U.S. Justice Department (DOJ)/Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reviews, including with respect to responding to second requests.
- Secured early HSR waiting period termination from DOJ and FTC in M&A deals involving automobile fleet transportation, hospital-physician practice acquisitions, and other industries.
- Counseled and coordinated foreign antitrust analyses for a Georgia broadband-equipment manufacturer on a \$2.5 billion corporate acquisition that successfully cleared full HSR review by the U.S. Justice Department within 90 days.
- Counseled data company in an acquisition that successfully cleared full HSR review by the DOJ following the issuance of second request.
- Counsels clients on joint ventures, pricing strategies, commercial agreements, and benchmarking.

CFIUS/Export Controls/ITAR

- Represents U.S. clients on a broad range of strategic and regulatory issues, including CFIUS, export controls and ITAR, on investments and acquisitions in the U.S.
- Represented several companies, including an insurance software company and solar project developer, in successfully resolving CFIUS-initiated investigations during the minimum review periods, absent mitigation.
- Successfully represented suppliers in ITAR / Department of Defense programs in clearing transactions during DDTC registration processes, CFIUS, and regulatory reviews
- Represents China/Taiwan-based and U.S. clients on a broad range of strategic and regulatory issues, including CFIUS and EAR, on investments and acquisitions in the U.S.
- Represented a North Carolina joint venture backed by a China state-owned entity that produced rail freight cars in North America. Following a Congressional-initiated investigation, obtained CFIUS clearance without mitigation after the minimum 75-day review period.
- Represented a China-based industrial company before CFIUS in connection with its acquisition of a U.S. competitor. Among other things, the acquirer sold products to a country subject to UN sanctions and CFIUS rejected a previous effort by a China entity to acquire the target. Obtained CFIUS clearance without any mitigation following the 75-day review period.
- Represented a foreign acquirer of undersea cable on CFIUS submission in coordination with a Team Telecom review; received clearance absent any mitigation.

Renewables, Electric Vehicles, and Battery Supply Chain

- Represents renewables developers on various supply chain issues, including impacts of tariffs/duties, domestication, and sanctions (UFLPA).
- Represents domestic electric vehicle manufacturers on regulatory, compliance, and disputes.
- Represents a battery component company on regulatory issues and market growth.

AWARDS

- *Legal 500 United States*, Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions: Defense (2022-2025)
- *New York Super Lawyers* (2013-2021)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- CFIUS
- Energy

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Business Litigation
- CFIUS
- Electric Vehicle Technology + Sustainable Infrastructure
- Energy
- Energy Storage
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation + Trial
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Sanctions + Trade Controls
- Tariff + Trade Task Force

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Bar Association, Antitrust Section
- New York State Bar Association, Antitrust Section Executive Committee member
- Faculty Lecturer with the Practicing Law Institute

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2000
- Yeshiva University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Annual Antitrust CLE Event – 2025, Troutman Pepper Locke, December 4, 2025.
- Speaker, “Transacting on Hard Mode: Lawyering in the Energy Transition,” *HC Commodities Podcast*, July 29, 2025.
- Speaker, “Navigating Tax Credits, Trade Policy, and U.S. Manufacturing Goals,” Giga USA, June 3-4, 2025.
- Speaker, “The State of Energy Storage: What You Need to Know,” *Energy Law Insights*, May 8, 2023.
- Moderator, “Ouch & Never Again: Anti-Circumvention/Biden Moratorium,” Infocast Solar + Wind Finance & Investment Summit, March 13, 2023.
- Moderator for NYSBA Antitrust Section Panel – “Pharma to Table: What’s Hot?”
- Panelist for NYSBA Antitrust Section Panel – “Feeling Blue: Antitrust Challenges to Health Insurers in the Post-Affordable Care Act World.”
- Moderator for NYSBA Antitrust Section Panel – “What Hath *Leegin* Wrought? Has State Enforcement Served or Stymied the Public Interest?”

PUBLICATIONS

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- Co-author, “CIT Narrows Executive Tariff Authority, Invalidates Section 122 ‘Bridge’ Tariffs for Named Importers Only,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 11, 2026.
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- Co-author, “Metals Market Shake-Up: Higher Section 232 Tariffs, Broader Coverage, Narrower Relief,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 6, 2026.
- Co-author, “CBP’s CAPE Crusade: A New 45-Day Path to IEEPA Duty Refunds,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 1, 2026.
- Co-author, “Federal Approval Is No Safe Harbor: State AGs Redefine Merger Risk in Trump 2.0 as 8 States Sue to Block \$6.2B Nexstar-Tegna Merger,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 25, 2026.
- Co-author, “CBP Provides Further Details on IEEPA-Related Refund Mechanism,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*,

March 20, 2026.

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- Co-author, "Universal Tariff Relief Unlocked: CIT Orders Refunds of IEEPA-Related Tariffs for All Affected Importers," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 5, 2026.
- Co-author, "Supreme Court Strikes Down IEEPA Tariffs; Trump Responds With Section 122 Global Surcharge," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 24, 2026.
- Co-author, "CFIUS 2.0? Request for Information Provides Unique Opportunity to Comment on the Foreign Investor Review Process," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 23, 2026.
- Co-author, "US Rescinds 25% Additional Duties on Indian-Origin Imports," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 17, 2026.
- Co-author, "US Launches Critical Minerals Strategy and New 'Reciprocal Trade' Deals," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 9, 2026.
- Co-author, "High-Voltage Enforcement: UFLPA Turns Up the Heat on Lithium-Ion and Energy Storage Imports," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 2, 2025.
- Co-author, "CFIUS 2026 Kickoff: A Three-Event Countdown Reshaping Foreign Investment Risk," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 21, 2026.
- Co-author, "FTC Announces Annual Changes to the HSR Act's Notification Thresholds," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 16, 2026.
- Co-author, "From Chips to Minerals: New Section 232 Tariff Actions Target Semiconductors and Critical Minerals," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 15, 2026.
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- Co-author, "CBP Moving to Fully Electronic Refunds: What Importers Need to Know Now," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 7, 2026.
- Co-author, "Labor Markets: FTC Takes Civil Action Against Vendor's Customer No-Hire Agreements," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, December 23, 2025.
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- Co-author, "US Expands Exemptions on Reciprocal Tariffs and Brazil Tariffs and Announces Framework Trade Deals With Additional Trading Partners," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, November 26, 2025.
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- Co-author, "Rising Trade Tensions in Health Care: The Section 232 Medical Supply Tariffs," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, September 30, 2025.
- Co-author, "United States – Japan Trade Agreement Takes Effect," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, September 29, 2025.
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- Co-author, [“FTC Stakes Out Its Position on Worker Noncompetes,”](#) *Troutman Pepper Locke*, September 9, 2025.
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- Co-author, “Interlocking Directorates in the Antitrust Crosshairs,” *Troutman Pepper*, August 24, 2023.
- Co-author, “The Evolution of the FTC and DOJ Continues: Agencies Seek Public Comment on Draft Merger Guidelines,” *Troutman Pepper*, August 1, 2023.
- Co-author, “Updated IRS Guidance on Critical Minerals and Battery Components Has Demonstrable, Ongoing Implications for Domestic and Foreign EV Manufacturing,” *Troutman Pepper*, April 11, 2023.
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- Co-author, “EO Provides CFIUS Guidance on Conducting National Security Reviews,” *Troutman Pepper*, September 26, 2022.
- Co-author, “Third Circuit: Non-Pharmaceutical Cases,” *GCR – US Courts Annual Review (Third Edition)*, June 2022.
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- Co-author, “Lina Khan Selected as FTC Chair,” *Troutman Pepper*, June 23, 2021.
- Co-Author, “State Enforcers Expanding Premerger and Antitrust Jurisdiction Over Healthcare Transactions: Guidance for This Growing Trend,” *The American Bar Association*, December 2020.
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