Dear Antitrust Colleague:

On June 18 and 19, 2008, the AAI will host our ninth annual conference focusing this year on AAI’s Transition Report on Competition Policy for the Next Administration. The Report is the result of an eight-month effort undertaken by eleven committees of our Advisory Board. It will outline both the philosophy and the policy agenda of the AAI, while offering specific suggestions for legislation and enforcement priorities to the next administration.

While the Report is a new endeavor for the AAI, our annual conference is just one of the many ways we promote enforcement of the antitrust laws as a fundamental part of national and international economic policy.

Since January 2007, the AAI has:

- expanded its staff by hiring Richard Brunelli as the director of legal advocacy;
- extended the Board of Directors to include Diana Moss and Robert Skitol;
- aired the film “Fair Fight in the Marketplace” on PBS stations nationwide and launched the educational website, www.fairfightfilm.org;
- generated symposium issues of the Wisconsin Law Review and the Antitrust Bulletin;
- held symposia and workshops on electricity restructuring, enhancing coordination of state agencies and the plaintiffs’ bar, buyer power, systems competition, and the future of private enforcement;
- filed briefs and commentary on Northwest Airlines’ investment in Midwest Airlines, cy pres remedies, the merger of Google and DoubleClick, removal of the antitrust exemption for major U.S. railroads, FERC’s electricity merger review process, briefs monopsonization conduct in Microsoft, a health insurance merger in Nevada, Whole Foods acquisition of Wild Oats, the XM-Sirius merger, concentration in the U.S. petroleum industry, the DDAVP class action, indirect purchaser class actions, the Nine West RPM matter before the FTC, and the Google case in the Supreme Court;
- and much more, all of which may be viewed at www.antitrustinstitute.org.

With your support, we are nurturing an environment in which antitrust can play its historic role of preserving a competitive economy in an increasingly internationalized and technologically connected world. We look forward to your continued involvement and hope you can join us at our annual conference.

Albert A. Foer
President, The American Antitrust Institute
Transition Report

As the last anniversary year for 1998 and the 10th Anniversary of the AAI, the AAI will present its Transition Report on Competition Policy to the AAI Board of Directors. The report is the result of eight months of work by the AAI’s senior staff, including the work of the AAI’s Advisory Board and its staff. The report provides a comprehensive review of the American antitrust system, as well as an analytical background. The report includes a discussion of new and emerging threats to the American antitrust system, including cartel enforcement, sweepstakes, antitrust immunity, and a number of recent decisions that raise key issues for the future. The recommendations of the report will be presented at the annual meeting of the AAI on June 18 in Washington, D.C. The book is available in paperback prior to the annual meeting.

John H. Shenefield to Receive Antitrust Achievement Award

On June 14, 2018, David J. Fein, Associate Attorney General for Antitrust and Competition Policy in the U.S. Department of Justice, will present the AAI Antitrust Achievement Award to John H. Shenefield, former Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Shenefield, who served as an Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division from 1977 to 1981, is a former member of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and the United Kingdom Competition Officer. He was also a member of the American Economists Association’s Economic Advisory Board, following Stigler’s death in 1982. Shenefield served as Acting Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division from 1995 to 1997, and as Antitrust Attorney General in the United States from 1995 to 1997. He also served as President of the National Commission on Business Antitrust Laws and Procedures in 1995.

Shenefield will receive the 2018 AAI Antitrust Achievement Award for his service as Solicitor General, Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Attorney in charge of the Antitrust Division, and Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. He will also be honored for his work in the areas of antitrust and competition policy, and for his contributions to the American antitrust system.

The AAI’s annual Antitrust Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of antitrust law and policy. The AAI recognizes the achievements of individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of antitrust law and policy, and who have also contributed to the advancement of the profession.

For more information on the AAI’s annual Antitrust Achievement Award, please visit the AAI’s website at www.antitrustinstitute.org.

This year the AAI celebrates its 10th anniversary. When the AAI started out in 1998, the experts agreed that the organization was needed and that it had the potential to make an important contribution to the American antitrust system. A decade later, the AAI has not only succeeded in that goal, but it has also made significant contributions to the antitrust system. This year the AAI celebrates its 10th anniversary and looks forward to continuing its contributions to the American antitrust system.

The AAI is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes the public interest and the public good through the advancement of antitrust law and policy. The AAI is dedicated to promoting competition, protecting consumers, and ensuring that the American antitrust system serves the public interest.

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