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Tad Lipsky is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins. He is internationally recognized for his work on both US and non-US antitrust and competition law and policy and has handled antitrust matters throughout the world. Having served as chief antitrust lawyer for The Coca-Cola Company from 1992-2002, Mr. Lipsky has incomparable experience with antitrust in the US, EU, Canada, Japan and other established antitrust-law regimes, as well as in new and emerging antitrust-law regimes in scores of jurisdictions that adopted free-market policies following the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. He has been closely associated with efforts to streamline antitrust enforcement around the world, advocating the reduction of compliance burdens and the harmonization of fundamental objectives of antitrust law.

From 1981 to 1983 Mr. Lipsky served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General under William F. Baxter, who sparked profound antitrust law changes while serving as President Reagan's chief antitrust official. In that position Mr. Lipsky supervised Supreme Court litigation in a series of groundbreaking antitrust cases, including among others *National Collegiate Athletic Association v. Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma*, 468 US 85 (1984) (horizontal restraints), *Jefferson Parish Hospital District No. 2 v. Hyde*, 466 US 2 (1984) (tie-in doctrine), *Monsanto Co. v. Spray-Rite Service Corp.*, 465 US 752 (1984) (vertical price maintenance) and *Associated General Contractors, Inc. v. California State Council of Carpenters*, 459 US 519 (1983) (antitrust standing). He supervised preparation of the Department of Justice "Merger Guidelines" (1982), which have since become the dominant model for antitrust analysis of mergers, acquisitions and other structural transactions throughout the world. He also organized and supervised the Antitrust Division's review of *United States v. IBM Corp.*, which culminated in a joint stipulation of dismissal without prejudice of the marathon case in 1982.

In August, 2001 Mr. Lipsky began a two-year term as the first International Officer of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law. He served on the Editorial Board of *Competition Laws Outside the United States* (2001), the most ambitious annotated compilation of non-US competition laws yet produced. He has held a variety of senior positions among the officers and governing council of the Section of Antitrust Law and continues to serve as a member of its International Advisory Board. He is admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court and various federal appellate courts.