



The American Antitrust Institute

Alfred E. Kahn Award for Antitrust Achievement

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Donald I. Baker is founding partner of the independent Washington D.C. law firm Baker & Miller PLLC, specializing in antitrust, competition policy and international law issues. Mr. Baker's efforts have included comprehensive aspects of antitrust counseling, representing complainants, as well as targets in various government investigations, corporate internal investigations, major arbitrations, and several private antitrust cases for plaintiffs and defendants.

Mr. Baker was selected to receive the American Antitrust Institute (AAI) Alfred E. Kahn Award for Antitrust Achievement because he continues to play a leading role in the antitrust community as a public-spirited and creative antitrust enforcer, practitioner, law professor, and commentator. His rich and varied career in antitrust is a remarkable illustration of a commitment and dedication to the competition enterprise. He is an inspiration for current and prospective practitioners, enforcers, and policymakers. The AAI especially appreciates his long-term role as an active but unofficial pro bono counselor, and as former member of the AAI Advisory Board (1997-2005).

Mr. Baker is the 17th recipient of the Alfred E. Kahn Award for Antitrust Achievement and joins past honorees: Joel Klein, Robert Pitofsky, F.M. Scherer, Alfred E. Kahn, Lloyd Constantine, Thomas B. Leary, Senators Herb Kohl and Mike DeWine, Maxwell Blecher, John Shenefield, Eleanor M. Fox, Steven Salop, Mario Monti, Roger G. Noll, Kathleen Foote, and John M. Connor.

Prior to founding Baker & Miller PLLC in 1995, Mr. Baker was a Washington D.C. partner in two major law firms. In 1976, Mr. Baker was named by President Gerald R. Ford to be the Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Baker is the only modern member of the career Antitrust Division staff to be elevated to this capstone position. Prior to heading the Antitrust Division, he was successively a Trial Attorney, a Section Chief, and then Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Regulated Industries, Appeals, Economics and Foreign Commerce. During Mr. Baker's 11-year tenure in the government, he was an active participant in successfully urging deregulation of U.S. airlines, eliminating cartel pricing on stock exchanges, and in bringing the antitrust case that ultimately broke up the AT&T telephone monopoly.

During the 1970s, Mr. Baker was also Professor of Law at Cornell Law School where he taught courses on antitrust law, utility regulation, financial services regulation, and international business transactions. Since 2010, he has jointly taught a course on Comparative International Law at George Washington University. Also, in recent years, Mr. Baker has given lectures at various universities in the United Kingdom and the U.S. He has written articles and letters on politics, liberty issues, and competition that have been published in *THE FINANCIAL TIMES*, *THE GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW*, and other venues. He has co-authored two treatises: Baker & Brandel, *THE LAW OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER SYSTEMS*; and Rowley & Baker, *INTERNATIONAL MERGERS: THE ANTITRUST PROCESS*. He is currently working on a book about the changing political role of antitrust law and enforcement since the 1960s, both in the U.S. and around the world.

Mr. Baker has served as a speaker for the World Bank and UNCTAD at various conferences for government enforcement officials in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Since 2007, Mr. Baker has served as a Non-Governmental Advisor to the International Competition Network (ICN), where he works actively on monopoly enforcement issues. Mr. Baker has also represented the governments of Australia, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom in briefing international jurisdictional issues before the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Courts of Appeals. Previously Mr. Baker served as special advisor to the Anti-Monopoly Committee of Ukraine and the Government of Mongolia on establishing new rules and enforcement mechanisms. Since 2006, Mr. Baker has served on the Scientific Committee for the Ligue Internationale du Droit de la Concurrence and was an officer in the International Bar Association and the International Section of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Baker is very interested in the challenge of making arbitration an effective alternative to traditional antitrust litigation where it is possible to do so in a fair and efficient manner. He has served a member of the Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, appointed by the CPR Legal Program to Develop Alternatives to Litigation. In 1988, received the CPR Award for Significant Practical Achievement in Alternative Dispute Resolution for his role as lead counsel in a major antitrust arbitration on payments network interchange fees.