I AW 7007: Antitrust

The course addresses the basic principles of federal antitrust law, specifically, the application of the Sherman and Clayton Acts, and the antitrust and econimic policies which serve as the underpinning for the law. The course will focus on case analysis and development of the law and discuss theories the courts have used in developing the law. Among topics which will be considered are competitor collaboration (agreements among competitors that might reduce competition among them), distribution restrictions (restrictions that might reduce competition among distributors of the same products), and exclusion (conduct by one firm or group of firms that might reduce competition by weakening rivals or excluding them from the market). The course will also address the application of antitrust principles to the regulation of emerging markets and technologies, including the responses to the growth of high tech mega- corporations.

Although a background in economics may be useful, no previous knowledge of economics is assumed. The course requirements include informed participation in classroom discussion, classroom presentations as may be assigned, and a final examination. Your grade will be based on participation in classroom discussions and exercises, and a three-hour essay examination (the format of which will be described in advance of the examination on a date to be determined and announced on a later date). This course is offered on an every other year basis.

Exam Info: Exam administered during exam period.

Credits: 3.0