



Agenda  
*George Mason Law Review*  
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Antitrust Symposium  
Friday, February 20, 2026

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8:00 – 8:50 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Garrett Gillespie, Symposium Editor, *George Mason Law Review*  
Donald J. Kochan, Professor of Law and Executive Director, Law & Economics Center, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

9:10 – 10:25 am Panel 1: 25th Anniversary of the Microsoft Decision & the State of Section 2

Leah Brannon, Partner and Co-Leader of U.S. Antitrust Group, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Renata B. Hesse, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

William E. Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy, Professor of Law, and Director, Competition Law Center, The George Washington University Law School

Howard Shelanski, Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP; Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Moderator: Douglas H. Ginsburg, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Reading Assignment

Douglas H. Ginsburg & Koren W. Wong-Ervin, [\*Challenging Consummated Mergers Under Section 2\*](#), COMPETITION POLICY INTERNATIONAL (May 3, 2020).

10:25 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Panel 2: Revival of the Robinson-Patman Act

Alden Abbott, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University  
Jonathan Nuechterlein, Distinguished Scholar, Competition Law Center, The George Washington University Law School; Lecturer, University of Virginia School of Law; Adjunct Law Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

Daniel P. O'Brien, Senior Consultant, Eonic Partners, LLC; Senior Consultant, Compass Lexecon; Founder, Microfoundations, Inc.

Mark Poe, Partner & Co-Founder, Gaw | Poe LLP

Moderator: Bruce H. Kobayashi, Paige V. and Henry N. Butler Chair in Law and Economics, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

**Reading Assignment**

Bruce H. Kobayashi & Timothy J. Muris, [Stop Making Sense: Reviving the Robinson-Patman Act and the Economics of Intermediate Price Discrimination](#), COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE REPORT (forthcoming 2026).

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch & Luncheon Discussion, *Van Metre Multipurpose Room*

Eleanor M. Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation *Emerita*, New York University School of Law

Abbott (Tad) B. Lipsky, Jr., Assistant Professor and Director of Competition, Law Economics Center, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

**Reading Assignment**

Eleanor Fox & Harry First, [How the Pursuit of Bigness, Geopolitical Hegemony, and Crony Capitalism Are Threatening Antitrust's Rule of Law](#), Stigler Center, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business: PROMARKET (Nov. 4, 2025).

1:00 – 1:20 pm

Break

1:20 – 2:35 pm

Panel 3: Boundaries of Refusal to Deal & Predatory Tying/Bundling

Erika M. Douglas, Associate Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Erik Hovenkamp, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School

Thomas A. Lambert, Wall Chair in Corporate Law and Governance and Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law

Kristen C. Limarzi, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Moderator: J. Shahar Dillbary, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Research, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

**Reading Assignment**

Erik Hovenkamp, [Antitrust's Refusal-to-Deal Doctrine: The Emperor Has No Clothes](#), CPI ANTITRUST CHRON., Sep. 2024, at 2.

J. Shahar Dillbary, [Predatory Bundling and the Exclusionary Standard](#), 67 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 1231 (2010) (skim).

**Suggested Reading**

Erik Hovenkamp, [The Antitrust Duty to Deal in the Age of Big Tech](#), 131 YALE L.J. 1483 (2022).

Erika Douglas, [Antitrust Abandonment](#), 42 YALE, J. L. 1, 59-63, 87-88 (2025).

Thomas A. Lambert, [Appropriate Liability Rules for Tying and Bundled Discounting](#), 72:5 OHIO ST. L.J. 909 (2011) (skim).

[U.S. v. Microsoft Corp.](#), 253 F.3d 34 (D.C. Cir. 2001).

**Additional Relevant Cases**

2:35 – 2:50 pm	Break
2:50 – 3:50 pm	<p>Panel 4: Rethinking Monopoly Maintenance Law in the Digital Economy</p> <p>Giovanna Massarotto, Lecturer in Law, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School  Thomas B. Nachbar, Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law  Nicolas Petit, Visiting Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School; Chair in European Competition Law, European University Institute</p> <p>Moderator: John M. Yun, Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School</p> <p><u>Reading Assignment</u>  Nicholas Petit, <a href="#">Monopoly Maintenance Law: Underdeveloped and Misdirected</a> (European University Institute Department of Law, LAW Working Paper 2025/13, 2025).</p>
3:50 – 4:05 pm	Break
4:05 – 4:55 pm	<p>Afternoon Fireside Chat</p> <p>Andrew N. Ferguson, Chairman, U.S. Federal Trade Commission  Timothy J. Muris, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School; Senior Counsel, Sidley Austin LLP; <i>Fmr.</i> Chairman, U.S. Federal Trade Commission</p> <p><u>Reading Assignment</u>  The Federalist Society, <a href="#">Fireside Chat with Hon. Andrew Ferguson and Hon. Paul B. Matey</a> (YouTube, June 20, 2024).</p>
4:55 – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Announcements
5:00 pm	Program Adjourns