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DAY 1 (MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014)

- I. INTRODUCTION TO ANTITRUST AND ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW
 - A. COMPETITION
 - 1. Parameters of economic competition
 - 2. Key economic terms
 - a. Price
 - b. Output
 - c. Demand
 - d. Efficiency
 - e. Welfare
 - i. Consumer
 - ii. Producer
 - iii. Total
 - f. Concentration
 - B. SOCIETAL VALUES AND COMPETITION
 - 1. Fairness
 - 2. Opportunity
 - 3. Diversity
 - 4. Freedom
 - 5. Cooperation

- 6. Open Markets
- II. INTRODUCTION TO AMERICA'S ANTITRUST LAWS
 - A. AMERICAN HISTORY AND ANTITRUST
 - 1. Progressivism and Antitrust
 - 2. The Sherman Act of 1890 (15 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.)
 - 3. The Clayton and FTC Acts of 1914
 - a. Clayton Act Revisions 1950
 - b. Hart-Scott-Rodino Act 1976
 - B. THE CHICAGO SCHOOL REVOLUTION OF THE 1980S
 - 1. Consumer welfare and allocative efficiency
 - 2. The concentration/efficiencies paradigm
 - a. Robert Bork and "The Antitrust Paradox"
 - 3. The Post-Chicago Era
 - a. Behavioral and evolutionary economics
 - C. U.S. ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT
 - 1. Federal
 - a. Executive branch
 - i. DOJ: civil and criminal enforcement
 - ii. FTC: civil enforcement FTC §5
 - b. Legislature
 - c. Courts
 - 2. States

- a. Parens patriae
- b. State laws
- 3. Private enforcement
 - a. Treble damages
 - b. Injunctive relief
- III. INTRODUCTION TO CHINA'S 2008 ANTI-MONOPOLY LAWS
 - A. HISTORY & CONTEXT
 - B. CHINA'S SOCIALIST VALUES
 - 1. Confucianism and Antitrust
 - C. INTRODUCTION TO CHINA'S AML
- IV. READINGS
 - A. OUTLINE
 - B. RELEVANT STATUTES
 - 1. Sherman Act §§ 1 and 2
 - 2. Clayton Act § 7
 - 3. FTC Act § 5
 - 4. Anti-Monopoly Law of the People's Republic of China (Arts. 1-9)
 - C. ARTICLES
 - 1. Horton, "Confucianism and Antitrust" (2013) (pgs. 193-214)

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DAY 2 (TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014)

- I. INTRODUCTION TO HORIZONTAL PRICE-FIXING
 - A. THE ECONOMICS OF PRICE-FIXING
 - 1. Why is price-fixing harmful?
 - a. United States v. Andreas, 216 F.3d 645 (7th Cir. 2000)
 - 2. Enforcing price-fixing agreements
 - a. Solving cartel "cheating" issues
 - 3. Horizontal non-price agreements
- II. PRICE-FIXING IN THE U.S.
 - A. THE SHERMAN ACT § 1
 - B. PER SE ILLEGALITY
 - 1. U.S. v. Trenton Potteries (1927)
 - 2. U.S. v. Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. (1940)
 - C. INTRODUCTION TO THE "RULE OF REASON"
 - 1. U.S. v. Brown Univ. 5 F. 3d 658 (3d Cir. 1993)
- III. PRICE-FIXING IN CHINA
 - A. AML ARTS. 13-15
 - B. ENFORCEMENT IN CHINA
 - 1. NDRC

- 2. SAIC
- C. RELEVANT CASES
 - 1. Rice Noodles (2010)
 - 2. Green Mung Beans (2010)
 - 3. Pre-Mixed Concrete (2011)
 - 4. Paper Manufacturing (2011)
 - 5. Sea and Sand Dredging (2012)
 - 6. LCD Panels (2013)

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- A. CARTEL FORMATION
- B. CARTEL ENFORCEMENT
- V. READINGS
 - A. CASES
 - 1. U.S. v. Andreas (7th Cir. 2000)
 - 2. U.S. v. Brown Univ. (3rd Cir. 1993)
 - B. Book Chapters
 - 1. China's AML: The First Five Years (pgs. 84-89)
 - 2. Competition Law in China (pgs. 89-91)

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DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014)

- I. COLLUSIVE ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECTS AND THE RULE OF REASON
 - A. CASES
 - 1. National Soc. Of Professional Engineers v. U.S. (1978)
 - 2. U.S. v. Brown Univ. (3d. Cir. 1993)
 - 3. FTC v. Superior Ct. Trial Lawyers Ass'n (1990)
 - 4. Polygram Holding v. FTC (D.C. Cir. 2005)
 - a. The Three Tenors
 - B. VALUES AND COOPERATION
- II. PROVING ANTICOMPETITIVE AGREEMENTS
 - A. DEFINING AGREEMENTS
 - 1. Intra-enterprise Agreements
 - 2. Tacit Collusion
 - B. PRICE-FIXING MECHANISMS
 - 1. Information Exchanges
 - a. Price signaling
 - 2. Trade Associations
 - 3. Threats and Intimidation
 - C. "ECONOMIC PLAUSIBILITY" AND AGREEMENTS
 - 1. Matsushita Electric Ind. Co. v. Zenith Radio Co. (1986)

- 2. Heightened pleading standards
 - a. Bell Atlantic Co. v. Twombly (2007)
- III. PREPARING FOR ANTITRUST TRIALS
 - A. ANTITRUST DISCOVERY
 - B. STUDENT ACTIVITIES
 - C. READINGS
 - 1. Horton/Huang Analyzing Information Exchanges between Competitors under the AML (2013) (pgs. 95-108; 117)
 - 2. AML and Practice in China (2011) (pgs. 59-64)
 - 3. Cases
 - a. Natl. Soc. Engins. (excerpts)
 - b. FTC v. Sup. Ct. Trial Lawyers (excerpts)

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DAY 4 (THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014)

- I. HORIZONTAL MARKET DIVISIONS
 - A. TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS
 - 1. Palmer v. BRG of Georgia (1990)
 - B. OUTPUT RESTRICTIONS
 - 1. NCAA v. Univ. of Oklahoma (1984)
 - 2. Polygram Holding v. FTC (D.C. Cir. 2005)
 - C. QUALITY AGREEMENTS
 - 1. Standards setting
 - 2. Trade Associations
- II. JOINT VENTURES
 - A. New Products
 - 1. BMI v. CBS (1979)
 - B. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
 - C. PRODUCTION & MANUFACTURING
 - D. DISTRIBUTION
 - E. ADVERTISING
 - F. LOBBYING

- III. TRIAL PREPARATION
 - A. U.S. v. BROWN UNIV.
 - B. U.S. v. PROF. SOC. ENGINS.
 - C. FTC V. SUP. CT. TRIAL LAWYERS
- IV. READINGS
 - A. CASES
 - 1. Palmer v. BRG of Georgia (1990)
 - 2. NCAA v. Univ. of Okla. (1984)
 - B. ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS
 - 1. Horton/Huang (pgs. 114-16)
 - 2. Competition Law in China (pgs. 91-94)
 - 3. AML and Practice in China (pgs. 70-73)

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DAY 5 (FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014)

- I. WEEK 1 STUDENT TRIALS
 - A. U.S. v. BROWN UNIV.
 - B. U.S. v. PROF. SOC'Y. ENGINS.
 - C. FTC v. Sup. Ct. Trial Lawyers

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DAY 6 (MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014)

- I. INTRODUCTION TO MERGER ANALYSIS
 - A. POSSIBLE REASONS FOR MERGERS
 - 1. Procompetitive
 - 2. Anticompetitive
 - 3. Competitively neutral
 - B. U.S. STATUTORY FRAMEWORK
 - 1. Clayton Act § 7 (1914)
 - a. 1950 Amendments
 - 2. Hart-Scott-Radino Act (HSR) of 1976
 - a. Notification
 - b. Approval process
 - c. Litigation v. settlement
 - C. CONCENTRATIONS OF UNDERTAKINGS IN THE PRC
 - 1. AML Arts. 20-31
 - 2. Merger review process
 - 3. Review standards
- II. STRUCTURAL AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES IN MERGER ANALYSES
 - A. INDUSTRY STRUCTURE AND CONCENTRATION

- 1. Relevant Market Analyses
 - a. Product Market
 - b. Geographic Market
 - c. Entry
- 2. Concentration measures
 - a. HHIs
- 3. Industry history and performance
 - a. Technology issues
 - b. Network Issues
- B. ANALYZING MERGER CASES
 - 1. U.S. Horizontal Merger Guidelines (2010)
 - 2. U.S. cases
 - a. Brown Shoe Co. v. U.S. (1962)
 - b. U.S. v. Philadelphia Nat'l Bank (1963)
 - 3. U.S. Merger litigation
- C. PRC MERGER CASES
 - 1. Coca-Cola/Huiyan
 - 2. GM—Delphi
 - a. Vertical concerns
 - 3. Novartis-Alcon
- III. MERGER REMEDIES
 - A. STRUCTURAL
 - 1. Divestitures

- B. BEHAVIORAL
 - 1. Consent decrees
- C. EFFECTIVENESS OF REMEDIES
- IV. READINGS
 - A. ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTER EXCERPTS
 - 1. Horton A Comparison of Merger Remedies in the U.S. and EU
 - 2. Horton The New United States Horizontal Merger Guidelines
 - 3. AML and Practice in China (pgs. 158-60; 164-166)
 - 4. Competition Law in China (pgs. 133-34; 137-38; 141)
 - 5. China's AML Law (pgs. 195-199)

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DAY 7 (TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014)

- I. DEFINING RELEVANT ANTITRUST MARKETS
 - A. PROVING RELEVANT MARKETS
 - 1. *FTC v. Staples* (D.C. Cir. 1997)
 - B. MARKET DEFINITION IN CHINA
 - C. ARE ANTITRUST MARKETS THE CORRECT FOCUS?
 - 1. 2010 U.S. Horizontal Merger Guidelines
 - 2. Competitive effects analysis
 - 3. Predicting competitive effects
- II. STUDENT MERGER SIMULATIONS
 - A. GROUP SIMULATIONS
 - 1. Putting mergers together
 - 2. Defending and challenging proposed mergers
- III. READINGS
 - A. BOOK CHAPTERS
 - 1. China's AML: The First Five Years (pgs. 179-187; 193-94)
 - 3. AML and Practice in China (pgs. 154-55; 163)
 - B. EXCERPTS FROM FTC V. STAPLES CASE

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DAY 8 (WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014)

- I. MONOPOLIZATION IN THE U.S.
 - A. STATUTES
 - 1. Sherman Act § 2
 - 2. Attempted Monopolization
 - 3. Conspiracies to monopolize
 - B. PROVING MONOPOLIZATION
 - 1. Market shares
 - 2. Intent
 - 3. Anticompetitive effects
 - a. Abusive practices
 - C. CASES
 - 1. Aspen Skiing Co. v. Aspen Highlands (1985)
 - 2. U.S. v. Microsoft (D.C. Cir. 2001)
- II. ABUSE OF A DOMINANT POSITION IN CHINA
 - A. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS
 - 1. AML 13-19
 - B. PROHIBITED CONDUCT
 - 1. Pricing
 - 2. Predatory pricing

- 3. Refusals to deal
- 4. Exclusive Dealing
- 5. Tying
- 6. Discriminatory treatment/price discrimination
- 7. Abuse of IP
- C. PRC CASES
 - 1. Netcom, Shanda and Baidu
 - 2. Tencent QQ v. Qihoo 360
 - 3. J & J (Resale price maintenance)
- III. READINGS
 - A. BACKGROUND
 - 1. AML and Practice in China (pgs. 90-91; 94-96; 106-110; 117-122)
 - 2. Interview with Shang Ming
 - B. EVIDENCE FROM FTC V. STAPLES CASE

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DAY 9 (THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014)

- I. COURSE REVIEW
- II. PREPARATION FOR MONOPOLIZATION/ABUSE OF DOMINANCE TRIALS
 - A. U.S. v. MICROSOFT
 - B. Tencent QQ v. QIHOO 360
 - C. U.S. V. MONSANTO (HYPOTHETICAL)
- III. READINGS
 - A. Cases
 - 1. U.S. v. Microsoft
 - 2. Tencent QQ v. Qihoo 360

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DAY 10 (FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2014)

- I. FINAL MONOPOLIZATION/ABUSE OF DOMINANCE MOCK TRIALS
 - A. U.S. v. MICROSOFT
 - B. Tencent QQ v. QIHOO 360
 - C. U.S. V. MONSANTO