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#### EXPERIENCE:

Renata Hesse is a partner in the firm's antitrust practice, with a focus on antitrust litigation and counseling.

Having previously served as the chief of the Networks and Technology Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, Renata is considered one of the country's preeminent technology antitrust attorneys. Her experience includes merger and civil non-merger investigations in technology and financial markets, including computer software, payment networks, and electronic trading of securities. She also was responsible for some of the most significant antitrust litigation brought by the Department of Justice in the last decade, including the DOJ's litigation with Oracle Corporation in connection with its proposed acquisition of PeopleSoft and with First Data Corporation in connection with its proposed acquisition of Concord EFS. In addition, Renata worked extensively on the DOJ's litigation against American Airlines for predatory conduct and Microsoft Corporation for illegal maintenance of its monopoly in Intel-compatible PC operating systems. Renata also has analyzed merger investigations in the academic publishing industry and supervised significant investigations in the financial markets, including the review of the New York Stock Exchange's acquisition of Archipelago and NASDAQ's acquisition of Instinet.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Renata practiced at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP in San Francisco, California, where her work primarily focused on complex litigation involving intellectual property and antitrust issues in technology industries.

#### EDUCATION:

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, 1990  
*Executive Editor, The Ecology Law Quarterly, Board Member, The Berkeley Law Foundation*
- B.A., Political Science, Wellesley College, 1986  
*Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, With Departmental Honors*

#### ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member, American Bar Association

#### HONORS:

- The Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, August 31, 2005
- Named in the 2007 and 2008 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

- "Two-Sided Platform Markets and the Application of the Traditional Antitrust Analytical Framework," *Competition Policy International*, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 2007
- Co-author with Joshua H. Soven, "Defining Relevant Markets in Electronic Payment Network Antitrust Cases," *Antitrust Law Journal*, 2006

**SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- "Evaluation of Allegedly Exclusionary Conduct by Dominant Firms," The Conference Board 2006 Antitrust Conference, March 1, 2006
- "Litigating Merger Cases: *United States v. Oracle Corp.*," 2005 Golden State Institute, October 20, 2005
- "Electronic Discovery: Producing Electronic Records to the Antitrust Division," 2005 Hispanic National Bar Association Meeting, October 18, 2005
- "The Future of Card Interchange," 2005 ATM & Debit Forum, September 26, 2005
- "Interchange Fees in Credit and Debit Card Industries, What Role for Public Authorities?" 2005 Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City International Payments Policy Conference, May 6, 2005
- "Defining Product Markets in High-Tech Merger Cases," American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, Spring Meeting 2005, March 30, 2005
- "The *Oracle/PeopleSoft* Decision: The Implications for Merger Analysis in High-Tech Industries," ABA Section of Business Law, November 4, 2004
- *Please see [wsgr.com](http://www.wsgr.com) for a complete list of speaking engagements.*

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- State Bar of California
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- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of International Trade
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