



U.S. Department of Justice

Antitrust Division

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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is my privilege to write in support of John Elias's recognition as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40. John has built a distinguished career in the field of antitrust, most recently through his work as my Special Assistant.

As Director of Civil Enforcement, I have direct supervisory authority over the activities of the various sections that comprise the Antitrust Division's civil enforcement program. I evaluate, review, and, where appropriate, approve the Division's major civil enforcement actions before they reach our Front Office. I selected John from a pool of extremely well-qualified applicants to assist me as I carry out my duties as the Division's highest-ranking career employee with civil responsibilities. Even within the group of high-caliber attorneys who have served as Special Assistants, John is among the most talented and accomplished.

John joined my office following six years of distinguished service as a line attorney in the Division's section that handles matters arising in the energy, agriculture, and transportation industries. There, he built a reputation for excellence through critical contributions to a series of high-profile and demanding matters, including our investigation of the merger of Delta Airlines and Northwest Air Lines and our successful litigation against beef packer JBS. He held a leadership role in a series of matters in the biotechnology sector that involved a complicated interplay of antitrust and patent law. In 2011, in recognition of his work on a case that established novel Sherman Act precedent, he received an Assistant Attorney General award, achieving commendation at the highest level conferred by the Antitrust Division.

John has thrived in my office's fast-paced, challenging environment. My office holds to exceptionally high standards, which John meets and exceeds even while juggling numerous complex tasks. He has repeatedly demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of both substantive antitrust law and the Division's procedures and practices. His efforts to ensure accuracy and consistency in our work-product further the Division's mission on a daily basis.

John also regularly exhibits sound judgment and a sense of initiative, giving me the confidence to trust him with my most important assignments. Indeed, John's portfolio as my Special Assistant includes several prominent matters currently underway

in the Antitrust Division. He has provided crucial assistance in connection with our ongoing e-books litigation against Apple and as to intellectual property licensing. He also fields matters related to the defense and entertainment industries, as well as our litigation against American Express.

John has assembled an impressive list of accomplishments at the Antitrust Division. I urge you to give him your highest consideration and to telephone me at 202-514-2562 if you would like to discuss his achievements further.

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Patricia A. Brink
Director of Civil Enforcement