

Christine Varney Nominated as Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust

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President Obama recently nominated Christine Varney – a former FTC Commissioner – to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust. Ms. Varney is an extremely well-connected Democrat who worked on the Obama-Biden campaign and subsequently served as a member of the President Obama’s transition team. Although she is best known for her work in the privacy and consumer protection fields, Ms. Varney has significant antitrust expertise developed as both a government enforcer and a private practitioner. This Client Advisory, prepared by the Kelley Drye Antitrust practice group, provides an overview of both her professional background and publicly expressed views on specific antitrust issues, with the goal of anticipating her enforcement interests and priorities at the Department of Justice.