

INTRODUCTION

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It is a special pleasure to introduce as our speaker this month a good friend, John Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust at the Department of Justice.

Unless you have been somewhere else in the solar system for the past few years, you will have noticed that airline competition issues have become front-page news. A big part of the reason is that the role of the Justice Department in policing competition in the airline industry has been stepped up considerably. DOJ has taken strong stands on a number of international alliances subject to the Department of Transportation's review and approval. More recently, Justice has been even more visible on the domestic front, challenging the Northwest-Continental transaction, suing American Airlines for alleged predatory behavior, investigating competitive behavior throughout the industry.

Standing in the vortex of all of these issues, directing the work and reporting to Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein, is our speaker.

While he doesn't wear his credentials on his sleeve, and although he has characteristically pleaded with me not to tell you everything that's in his resume, I thought I should at least mention just a few highlights. You will quickly understand how uniquely qualified he is for the post he holds.

John Nannes received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1973, where he was an editor of the law review and was graduated magna cum laude.

After a year of clerking for Judge Roger Robb of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, he was appointed clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court of the United States.

After a year in the Chief Justice's chambers, he made his first move to the Department of Justice, where he served for a couple of years as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of -- you guessed it -- the Antitrust Division.

After that first tour at Justice, John joined the Washington office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, and launched his career in the private practice of law. He was made partner a scant three years after arriving and became one of the country's leading antitrust practitioners. He stayed at Skadden for 21 years, leaving last year to take up his current position.

We think of him here, of course, as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General who is in charge of the Antitrust Division's aviation work. That's true enough. You should also know, however, that he supervises the Division's work in a few other areas as well, such as the Civil Task Force; computers; finance; energy; agriculture; and the entire transportation sector.

I am going to comply with John's wish not to overdo it, and so I won't mention his law teaching at Georgetown, his work with the D.C. Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, his chairmanship of the D.C. Circuit's Advisory Committee on Procedures, or any other activities.

Please join me in extending a very warm welcome to John Nannes.

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