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The shape of the Washington, DC antitrust bar has clearly shifted over the past few years as many top practices welcomed or bid farewell to major names, going to and from government and rival firms. At some firms, a generational shift has clearly started, and practitioners here say it will shape the future of this leading antitrust bar

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Who's Who Legal nominee D Bruce Hoffman leads an impressive and growing antitrust group at **HUNTON & WILLIAMS** in Washington. Hoffman is backed by a lean but impressive group of lawyers, including partners Ryan Shores and Amanda Wait and newly promoted cartels expert Djordje Petkoski. The firm was rocked in February 2014 by the sudden death of respected and well-liked criminal defence specialist Ray Hartwell. A second departure – partner Jamilla Ferris left in July to lead the FCC's review of the *AT&T/DirecTV* merger – thankfully came in much happier circumstances.

The team has taken on major work over the past year, including defending Blue Cross Blue Shield against class action claims that it is an anti-competitive market-allocation scheme. The team also continues to defend “the Blues” in lawsuits over its most-favoured-nation clauses. On the merger side, Hunton attorneys represented the United States' largest funeral services provider in its \$1.4 billion acquisition of Stewart Enterprises, which required the divestiture of 53 funeral homes and 38 cemeteries. With such top-tier work, combined with the firm's considerable cartel portfolio for both companies and executives, the Hunton practice appears poised to leapfrog many of its rivals in the bar.

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Hunton & Williams	D Bruce Hoffman	9 partners 4 counsel 11 associates	Chevron, Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan, Delhaize/Food Lion, Georgia-Pacific, Sodexo