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Nathan Viehl Discusses Antitrust Impact on M&A Deals

Thompson Coburn partner [Nathan Viehl](#) was quoted in a recent PitchBook article on how the Trump administration's antitrust agenda is impacting M&A deal activity.

"Though some sizable deals have been finalized since President Donald Trump took office, investors say many others have been put on hold," the publication noted. "How Trump's Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice define a monopoly or unfair competitive advantage is still largely an open question."

Nathan said he's worked on few deals this year in which antitrust has emerged as a potential sticking point – so far, at least.

He said the private equity firms he works with are more preoccupied with interest rates remaining relatively high and the recent wave of U.S. tariffs slowing deals down. But the Federal Reserve's signal that rates could be cut even with inflation risks could create "more deal activity, even if the broader economy isn't humming along," he added.

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