



# Summer 2016 promotions

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As we head into the dog days of summer, I am delighted to share some recent management changes in the Bureau.

Peter Richman has been promoted to Assistant Director of the Mergers III Division, replacing Phill Broyles who retired earlier this year. For the last ten years, Peter has been the Deputy Assistant Director of Mergers III, supervising investigations and litigation teams in energy and other industries, including computer software, building materials, and retail products. Peter is a long-time member of Mergers III, having joined the shop directly out of law school in 1990. During his FTC career, Peter has been involved in nearly every major merger investigation in the energy industry, including Marathon/Ashland, Exxon/Mobil, BP/ARCO, Valero/UDS, Chevron/Texaco, Chevron/Unocal, and Valero/Kaneb. He was part of the litigating teams in several FTC injunction actions, including *FTC v. Graco, Inc.*, *FTC v. Paul L. Foster*, and *FTC v. Cardinal Health*, as well as administrative proceedings such as *In re AspenTech* and *In re AII/C*. He has supervised several investigations into national and regional gasoline pricing practices, including the run-up of gasoline prices following Hurricane Katrina. A California native, Peter has an MBA from USC and a JD from University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Brian Telpner is the new Deputy Assistant Director for the Mergers III Division. Brian came to Mergers III in 2004, after clerking for a senior judge on the Eighth Circuit and spending five years in private practice. Also a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Brian previously served as a Counsel to the Director, and has been involved in numerous investigations involving the oil and gas industries, including *Tesoro/BP*, *Par Petroleum/Mid Pac*, and *ETE/Williams*.

Jim Mongoven is our new Assistant Director of the Office of Policy and Coordination, taking over for Michael Bloom who retired in April. Jim has been with the Commission since 1984, and he's done it all: Jim served as an attorney advisor to Chairman Robert Pitofsky and in the Office of Congressional Relations, and he worked on trial teams for a number of merger challenges, including the *Exxon/Mobil investigation* and others involving industrial products and cable television. Jim has a PhD in economics from the University of Notre Dame and a JD from Columbia University. He has written extensively on antitrust matters, including articles on pharmaceutical innovation, merger policy, and market manipulation in wholesale petroleum.

Replacing Jim as the Deputy Assistant Director of Office of Policy and Coordination is Kelly Signs. Kelly is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, and came to the FTC out of law school in 1985, working in the former Food and Energy Shop. She left the FTC to work first for the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Monopolies, and Business Rights in the U.S. Senate, and then as a staff attorney at the Antitrust Division. Kelly came back to the FTC in 2007, and has been instrumental in helping to develop plain language business guidance such as the *Guide to the Antitrust Laws* and the *Competition Matters* blog, and has managed numerous projects for the Bureau.

