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## **Resource for Doing Business in the U.S. – Installment #10 – Antitrust**

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Perhaps you have heard about some of the huge fines companies have faced after being charged with antitrust violations, such as Google’s \$2.7 billion fine in June 2017, or the \$26.7 million Euro judgment against one of Heineken’s subsidiaries in Greece in July 2017, or the \$1.3 billion fine currently under review against Intel. Government suits are bad enough, but after them come private lawsuits from other companies affected by the same conduct. Antitrust litigation from a few ill-considered decisions of individuals in a company can take years to resolve and millions to defend. They disrupt companies and demand substantial human resources, as well. There is no doubt that avoiding antitrust violations is a much more cost effective strategy than waiting until problems occur.

Our next [installment](#) of our Doing Business in the U.S. series is a brief introduction to U.S. antitrust laws. For more information or additional training on guidance on antitrust laws, feel free to contact [Don Scaramastra](#) at [don.scaramastra@foster.com](mailto:don.scaramastra@foster.com) or at 206.816.1449.

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