

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**Law 156-001**  
***Antitrust***

Course Syllabus, Spring 09  
*Preliminary*

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**Course Materials:**

Required: Charles J. Goetz and Fred S. McChesney, ANTITRUST LAW: INTERPRETATION AND IMPLEMENTATION (4th ed.) (including any statutory or case supplements).

Recommended: *The Wall Street Journal*; Robert H. Bork, THE ANTITRUST PARADOX: A POLICY AT WAR WITH ITSELF.

**Course Objective:**

The course objective is to introduce students to the law of antitrust using basic economic theory to provide an historical and current policy perspective.

**Grading:**

Grades for the course will be based on student performance on a final exam, with possible revision based on class participation and preparation. According to ABA rules, students must attend at least 80% of classes to receive a grade in the course and self-police this requirement. My policy is to allow two excusals from class participation per semester, provided I am notified in advance (e-mail is best).

**Calendar & Reading List:**\*

- Jan. 7: ***Introduction and Overview:*** G&M, pp. 1-12; John S. McGee, IN DEFENSE OF INDUSTRIAL CONCENTRATION, *What Does "Competition" Mean, and What Does it Do?*
- Jan 12: ***Introduction and Overview (cont.):*** Armen A. Alchian, *Evolution, Uncertainty, and Economic Theory*, 53 J.P.E. 211-221 (1950); G&M, pp. 12-38.

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\* All reading assignments include the corresponding pages in the statutory and casebook supplements.

Jan. 14: *Introduction and Overview (cont.)*: G&M, pp. 38-76.

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*Final Exam – ???, ???*