Dear Colleague,

I am writing to ask your help in our effort to recruit an academic visitor to the Economic Analysis Group (EAG) of the Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice. EAG anticipates a possible opening that covers the academic year 2009-2010 and summer of 2010. We would be quite flexible on both the arrival and departure dates. The IPA Program, under which EAG has brought in academic visitors for some time, has proved to be a simple and quick mechanism for facilitating the visit.

We are looking for a skilled industrial organization economist, applied microeconomist, or applied econometrician. We have special interest this year in an economist with a strong background in either health care or financial markets. U.S. citizenship is required.

The Antitrust Division offers an outstanding environment in which applied microeconomists can grow professionally. Division economists base their analyses on state-of-the-art economic theory, rigorous econometric studies, in-house knowledge of many industries, and current industry documents and interviews. The recommendations and expert testimony provided by EAG play a key role in determining and implementing decisions of the U.S. Department of Justice. The complexity and wide range of economic issues examined and the opportunity to have a substantial and immediate impact on public policy make EAG a unique and exciting place for an economist to work.

The Economic Analysis Group encourages research intended to lead to outside scholarly publication and presentation. Research in EAG is often stimulated by economists' casework; it helps to inform future enforcement decisions and to develop new directions for competition policy. Computing and library resources are excellent. EAG research papers are widely disseminated in an active working paper series. One factor in maintaining a vigorous intellectual climate in EAG is a series of weekly seminars that attracts leading academic researchers.

There are over fifty Ph.D. economists in EAG. We work individually and in small teams to investigate and assess the economic effects of mergers, alleged price fixing, and a wide variety of other business practices. In addition, we devote significant resources to a broad program of competition advocacy aimed at influencing legislation and regulation in a diversity of areas such as telecommunications, health care, financial markets, electricity, and the media. The Antitrust Division is actively involved in the international competition policy community, and EAG economists engage with colleagues in the European Union and other national competition authorities on a regular basis. We also provide technical assistance on competition policy to many nations with emerging free-market economies.
We are committed to recruiting an excellent and diversified group of economists. Please encourage those who may be interested in this visiting position with us to apply directly by submitting a curriculum vita to: Recruiting Committee, Economic Analysis Group, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Suite 9000, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530 or electronically to atr.eag@usdoj.gov. Electronic submission avoids often significant mail delays.

Additional information about the Antitrust Division is available at our web site: www.usdoj.gov/atr/. Anyone with a question about EAG can contact us at atr.eag@usdoj.gov.

Very truly yours,

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