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PIONEER SPIRIT Sheron Korpus says he is a trial lawyer first, then an antitrust lawyer. "I always like the ones that go to court—they are the most contentious." He has an economics degree, and early in his career did patent work around statistics and economic analysis. "Antitrust work represents a good transition. It's especially helpful when dealing with expert testimony on economic issues, particularly on cross-examination."

TRAILS BLAZED Korpus represented Comcast Corp. in its successful class-action case against Behrend that went to the U.S. Supreme Court. "It was a test case for the entire cable industry. The Supreme Court defined the judge's level of inquiry for class certification. It's interesting how it started with a deposition in Florida, and that testimony was the key piece for the justices to decertify the class three years later." More recently, he became involved in a large price fixing case for Air New Zealand as part of the air cargo shipping services antitrust litigation. "I was brought in eight months before trial to take it to trial and get expert testimony. I arranged a mediation to resolve the case. I was parachuted into a very significant large matter to get it resolved."

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS Supreme Court Justice Scalia worked to limit antitrust class-action cases. "Post-Scalia, plaintiffs have become emboldened. We will see more antitrust class actions, especially in the financial arena." Along with the opening on the Supreme Court, there will be more openings in the circuit courts. "With the LIBOR decision in the Second Circuit, it's no longer clear what the definition of antitrust injury is."

