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Belinda Lee has achieved remarkable success at the cutting edge of antitrust law and emerging technology.

Securing a dismissal of claims against Apple regarding cryptocurrency technology implementation

further demonstrates Lee's capacity to navigate complex technological and legal landscapes. *Pierre et al v. Apple Inc.*, 5:23-cv-5981 (N.D. Cal., Nov. 17, 2023).

The resolution of a decade-long price-fixing litigation for Starkist also exemplifies her strategic approach to complex antitrust matters. Through careful navigation of economic and class certification issues, she secured partial summary judgment that substantially limited plaintiffs' claims before reaching a favorable settlement. In re: *Packaged Seafood Prods. Antitrust Litigation*, 3:15-md-02670 (S.D. Cal. Jul. 15, 2022).

"The evolving regulatory and technological environment demands forward-thinking counsel capable of global partnership with clients," Lee notes, addressing the increasing complexity of multinational antitrust litigation. This perspective reflects

her understanding of the field's trajectory and the importance of comprehensive client advocacy.

Within Latham & Watkins, Lee has implemented significant institutional improvements as global chair of the training and career enhancement committee. Her firm initiatives include the Women's Leadership Academies and the Diversity Leadership Roundtable.

Her approach to mentorship, inspired by her own mentors, Cathy Palmer and Dan Wall, emphasizes the distinction between technical legal service and strategic partnership. This philosophy has proven particularly valuable as antitrust law adapts to technological innovation and evolving market dynamics.

Lee's contributions extend beyond individual cases to the broader development of antitrust jurisprudence in the digital age.