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PRACTICE: Complex commercial
litigation

Karen Silverman

According to Silverman, companies are considering the regulatory implications of transactions earlier in the process. “More and more as corporate lawyers and clients are understanding the complexity and environment in which some of these deals are being proposed, they are bringing us in earlier and earlier.”

Silverman represented California-based pharmaceutical company Allergan Inc. in its \$70 billion sale to Actavis plc. The deal was subject to antitrust clearance in the U.S. and the European Union.

“We began that engagement for Allergan about a year ago when Valeant [made a hostile bid] for Allergan.”

The Valeant deal was never consummated.

“The Actavis deal came along and that was the deal Allergan decided to [pursue].”

Actavis completed its acquisition of Allergan in March.

Silverman also represented Opentable Inc. in its \$2.6 billion sale to Priceline Group Inc. Opentable allows users to make restaurant reservations online. The deal cleared under the [Hart Scott Rodino Act] without any extended investigation by the Federal Trade Commission in July 2014.

— Hetert-Qebu Walters