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Marc R. Lewis has positioned himself at the center of some of the most consequential antitrust battles in the digital age. As co-founder and managing partner of Lewis & Llewellyn LLP, he has represented key players in cases that will shape the future of competition law and Big Tech regulation.

Lewis's path to litigation began during his undergraduate years at UCLA. "It was a communications law course taught by Jeffery Valle, who was then an associate at Skadden Arps." That introduction to

First Amendment law sparked his interest in complex litigation challenges.

After more than 20 years of practice, Lewis has carved out a niche representing companies navigating the intersection of technology and antitrust law. His recent work includes representing Perplexity and its chief business officer, Dmitry Shevelenko, in the U.S. Department of Justice's sweeping case against the online search giant's monopolistic practices.

In that case, which resulted in Judge Amit Mehta's August 2024 ruling that Google illegally maintained monopolies in search services and advertising, Perplexity played a critical role during the remedies phase. The AI-powered search company testified about barriers facing new market entrants attempting to compete with Google's dominance.

Shevelenko provided testimony about how Google's exclusive agreements with device manufacturers and browser companies prevented competitors like Perplexity from gaining distribution, even when manufacturers expressed interest. The testimony illustrated how Google's practices affect not just traditional search but emerging AI technologies.

"In a notable moment, Shevelenko stated in court that, should the court order Google to divest Chrome, Perplexity would be willing to acquire and operate the browser,

expressing confidence in their ability to maintain its quality at scale," Lewis said. "However, Perplexity's leadership made clear that their preference was for remedies focused on user choice, not forced divestitures."

Lewis continued: "Perplexity's role was pivotal in illustrating to the court how Google's business practices create formidable barriers for new competitors in both search and AI. By testifying against drastic structural remedies and advocating for solutions that prioritize consumer choice and fair competition, Perplexity influenced the debate over how best to rein in Big Tech without compromising innovation or user benefit. Their involvement highlighted the stakes for the future of competition and innovation in the digital economy."

A separate ongoing matter marked the first major antitrust action under President Donald J. Trump's second term, testing whether the new administration would maintain aggressive merger enforcement policies. *United States v. Hewlett-Packard Enterprises and Juniper Networks*, 5:25-cv-00951 (N.D. Cal., filed Jan. 30, 2025).

Beyond traditional litigation, Lewis has embraced alternative fee arrangements as client demands evolve. "Clients are increasingly seeking transparency, predictability, and value in their legal spend, and at Lewis & Llewellyn, we are proud to be at the forefront of this shift," Lewis said.