Amazon and Apple

Private litigation has alleged that Amazon foreclosed competition between ecommerce platforms through MFN clauses (*Frame-Wilson v. Amazon*). In the media, Amazon is described as excluding competitors (Diapers.com) and steering customers to its own products.

Apple’s recent antitrust violations involve forming anticompetitive agreements with publishers around the distribution of e-books and forming no-poach agreements with competitors over employees. Alleged antitrust violations include squeezing app developers over app store fees.

**Required Reading**


*U.S. v. Apple*, 791 F.3d. 290 (2d. Cir. 2015)


Commission Opens Investigations into Apple’s App Store Rules (European Commission Press release, June 2020)

*Epic Games v. Apple* complaint (August 2020)


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