

## Government & Corporate Investigations Case Study

### *Antitrust*

**SITUATION ))**

Oppenheimer’s client—a cooperative dairy—was investigated for possible criminal price fixing in school milk contracts and was sued in a state and federal class action claiming that the dairy conspired with others to fix wholesale milk prices.

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**COUNSEL ))**

Our legal team determined that there was substantial risk in the criminal investigation and took immediate steps to contact the government and negotiate a resolution that exchanged cooperation for an agreement not to file criminal charges.

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**OUTCOME ))**

As a result of our prompt action, our client avoided the penalties and stigma of a criminal conviction—unlike other defendants who were slower to react. We recognized, however, that there was no basis to the class action lawsuits and implemented an aggressive challenge to the suits that led to an early dismissal of the federal action and a very favorable resolution of the state action.

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