

Antitrust Division Lawyer Picked to Fill Vacancy on Federal Trade Commission

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Terrell McSweeney, Chief Counsel for Competition Policy and Intergovernmental Relations at the Department of Justice Antitrust Division, is President Obama's pick to fill the current vacancy on five-member Federal Trade Commission.

The White House announced today the President's intention to nominate McSweeney. According to the announcement, McSweeney has served in the senior counsel position at the Antitrust Division, since 2012. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President at the White House from 2009 to 2012.

Based on her background, McSweeney appears to be a Democrat. If confirmed, she would provide the Democrats with a three-to-two majority on the Commission.

Before working in government, McSweeney was an associate in 2005 with O'Melveny & Myers. She received an A.B. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School.