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R. Hewitt Pate is the head of the Hunton & Williams competition practice group. His practice includes all aspects of competition law counseling and litigation including antitrust, business torts and intellectual property.

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