

The International Center for Law & Economics is delighted to announce that the Senate today confirmed Joshua Wright to be the next Commissioner at the Federal Trade Commission.

As we wrote upon Josh's nomination by President Obama:

Josh is widely regarded as the top antitrust scholar of his generation. He is the author of more than [50 scholarly articles and book chapters](#), including several that were released as ICLE White Papers. He is a co-author of the [most widely-used antitrust casebook](#), and co-editor of three books on topics ranging from [Competition Policy and Intellectual Property Law](#) to the [Intellectual History of Law and Economics](#). And he is the most prolific blogger on the preeminent antitrust and corporate law and economics blog, [Truth on the Market](#).

The FTC will benefit enormously from Josh's expertise and his economic approach. ICLE Executive Director, Geoffrey Manne, had this to say about Josh's confirmation:

I am delighted that the Senate has confirmed Josh to be the FTC's next commissioner. Josh's "error cost" approach to antitrust and consumer protection law will be a tremendous asset to the Commission — particularly as it delves further into the regulation of data and privacy. His work is rigorous, empirically grounded, and ever-mindful of the complexities of both business and regulation. I am honored to have co-authored several articles with Josh, and I have learned an incredible amount about antitrust law and economics from him. The Commissioners and staff at the FTC will surely similarly profit from his time there.

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