

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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Robert “Bo” Bourke is a Senior Principal with Econic Partners based in the Chicago office. Mr. Bourke has considerable experience consulting in areas of competition economics, including in the merger regulatory clearance process and antitrust litigation. Mr. Bourke specializes in managing large, complex merger reviews, including investigations by DOJ/FTC as well as multi-jurisdictional reviews by other regulators around the globe. Mr. Bourke has advised clients in merger reviews from a variety of industries such as health insurance/healthcare providers, retail, publishing, talent agencies, telecommunications platforms, broadcast, payment systems, energy drinks, and movie theatres. Mr. Bourke has also worked extensively on antitrust litigation issues such as estimating damages, price fixing, class certification and in a variety of industries such as automobiles, credit cards, supermarkets, airlines, health insurance/healthcare providers, and food distribution.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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<i>2025 – Present</i>	Econic Partners, Chicago, IL, Senior Principal
<i>2012 – 2025</i>	Compass Lexecon, Washington, DC, Senior Vice President 2023 – 2025; Vice President 2021 – 2023; Senior Economist 2017 – 2021; Economist 2017 - 2017
<i>2007 - 2012</i>	Navigant Economics, Chicago, IL Consultant/Senior Consultant

**EDUCATION**

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Master of Business Administration   University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL	2014
Bachelor of Arts   University of Michigan, History of Art Major, Ann Arbor, MI	2005

**SELECT LITIGATION ENGAGEMENTS**

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In support of Lona Fowdur in confidential arbitration matter

# ECONIC PARTNERS

In support of Jon Orszag, *United States of America, et al. v. UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, et al.* in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Case No. 1:24-cv-3267

In support of Mark Israel, *Federal Trade Commission, et al. v. Kroger Company and Albertsons Companies, Inc.* in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Case No. 3:24-cv-00347-AN

In support of Mark Israel, *United States of America, et al. v. Anthem, Inc., et al.* in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Case No. 16-1493 (ABJ)

In support of Mark Israel, *Federal Trade Commission, et al. v. Sysco Corporation, et al.* in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Case No. 1:15-cv-00256 (APM)

## SELECT CONSULTING ENGAGEMENTS

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Co-authored several white papers submitted to Department of Justice regarding competition issues related to a merger of two talent agencies (2021)

Co-authored several white papers submitted to Department of Justice regarding competition issues related to a merger of two optics and laser manufacturers (2020)

Co-authored white paper submitted to Department of Justice regarding competition issues related to a merger of two engine block manufacturers (2019)

Co-authored white paper submitted to Department of Justice regarding competition issues related to a merger of two health insurers (2015)

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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Robert Bourke and David Weiskopf, "Customer-Focused Competitive Effects Analysis and the Role of Transportation Costs", *Transportation, Energy & Antitrust*, A publication of the Transportation and Energy Industries Committee of the Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association, Fall 2014

# ECONIC PARTNERS

Robert Bourke, Mark Israel, Ben Wagner, and David A. Weiskopf, “Do Premiums Increase After Health Insurance Mergers? – A Reassessment of Guardado et al.’s Findings”, presented at 15th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference, April 2017