

U.S. merger investigations taking longer than ever, impact seen in deal agreements

Significant merger investigations

Lasted an average of 9.9 months in 2016 - a new DAMITT record, nearly 40% longer than the average recorded in each of 2011, 2012, and 2013, the first three years of our reporting data.





New trend:



DAMITT: Merger litigation is taking longer, too

Merger cases filed in 2016 took more than three months longer than litigated cases filed in 2015

Average merger litigation length (in days)



- Length of trial
- Time from end of trial to decision

agreements Transaction agreements resolved in 2016

Companies responding with extended transaction

allotted 15.7 months for antitrust review, up 10% from 2015



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