

James Robertson Martin Quoted in *Global Competition Review*: Parler Alleges Amazon Cuts Access in Competitive Threat to Twitter

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James Robertson Martin, a partner in the Washington, DC office of Zelle and co-chair of the firm's antitrust practice, was quoted in a *Global Competition Review* article titled "Conservative media site Parler alleges Amazon cut off its services to aid Twitter."

In a lawsuit filed before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, social media site Parler claimed that Amazon had violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act by suspending its access to Amazon's cloud services.

Martin told *Global Competition Review* he does not think that Parler's lawsuit works without evidence of an agreement, but that a Section 1 case about squeezing out an emerging competitor is probably the best it could muster.

"I thought the lawyer was kind of clever coming up with a theory that might work," Martin said. "They just don't have the facts to support it."

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