



International Trade

Navigating Unchartered Territory Globally

King & Spalding's international trade team guides clients in an era where global trading relationships, supply chains, and foreign investments drive not only the economic priorities of countries, but also their national security and foreign policy objectives. This transformation of the global economy is characterized by competing social forces (including unilateralism and populism) and by unprecedented geopolitical trends that link national and economic security. All of this change occurs against the backdrop of a world shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our global team helps manufacturers and service providers advance their business interests. We work with both sovereign and private sector clients to realize their trade and investment objectives through regulatory, dispute settlement, litigation, policy, and enforcement mechanisms. We help clients secure duties on unfairly priced imports that injure company performance, expand market access for exports of goods and services, prevent products that violate IP rights from entering the market, use origin rules effectively, navigate foreign investment security reviews, shape the policy landscape, and defend against trade compliance enforcement actions in the area of customs, export controls, and sanctions.

UNMATCHED GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Six former trade officials from the **Department of Commerce**
- Three former high-ranking officials from the **U.S. Trade Representative**
- Three former officials from the **World Trade Organization**
- Two former senior officers at the **Office of Foreign Assets Control**
- One former **European Commission** trade officer
- A former **U.S. International Trade Commission** Deputy General Counsel
- A former General Counsel for **Finance Canada**
- A former trial attorney at the **Department of Justice**

What Sets Us Apart

Global Powerhouse

- 30+ lawyers, economists, foreign legal consultants, and accountants dedicated to full service international trade work
- Strategic offices in Washington, D.C., Geneva, Brussels, London, and the Middle East with active matters across six continents
- Expansive network of consultancies and innovative pricing structures

Proven Track Record

- 30-year history successfully helping clients navigate complex international trade matters
- Recognized as a leading practice world-wide among clients and peers

We are the firm of choice for industry leaders in a diverse range of sectors, including critical manufacturing (including metals, chemicals, and semiconductors), life sciences, information technology and telecommunications, FinTech, digital services, and many others. With strong networks among key U.S. and EU decision-makers as well as at the WTO, diplomatic missions, UN agencies, and nongovernmental organizations, our team offers sophisticated, comprehensive client solutions in the following areas:



- U.S., UK, and EU export control laws, customs compliance and litigation, economic sanctions, anti-money laundering (AML), foreign investment security reviews, tariff regimes, and forced labor



- Trade remedy cases, including anti-dumping, countervailing duty (anti-subsidy), safeguard, and other actions



- Section 201 and 337 investigations before the U.S. ITC, Section 301 investigations before the USTR, and Section 232 investigations before the U.S. Department of Commerce



- WTO dispute settlement and other WTO matters, including negotiations, implementation of WTO commitments, and market access strategies



- Regulatory compliance assessments, internal investigations, due diligence, and defense of government enforcement actions



- International trade policy, lobbying, and legislation

RECOGNITIONS



Consistently ranked in Chambers Global-wide and Europe-wide



Three-time winner of Chambers USA Award for Excellence in International Trade



Three-time winner of "International Trade Group of the Year"

HOT BUTTON ISSUES AND TRENDS

- Foreign investment security reviews before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), EU Commission, EU Member States, and the UK
- Government actions on supply chain resilience in key sectors affecting economic, public health, and national security
- Managing U.S.-China trade tensions, including tariffs, market access, and national security actions
- U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) effective July 1, 2020
- Section 301 investigations of digital services taxes
- Section 232 National Security investigations of steel, aluminum, and vanadium
- Buy American and other domestic production requirements for government procurement contracts
- Trade regulation and enforcement regarding labor, environment, and climate change

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