

Christine E. Savage

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Christine Savage leads our International Trade team's practice in export controls and sanctions law and in national security investigations of inbound U.S. investment before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. ("CFIUS").

Christine has over 20 years experience in international trade regulations and compliance. She advises clients in a broad range of industries, including aerospace and defense, energy, financial technology, electronics, and biotechnology, to ensure compliance with U.S. export controls and sanctions laws. She also leads the firm's practice in national security reviews of foreign direct investments in the U.S. before CFIUS.

Christine is experienced in representing clients' interests before regulatory agencies, including the Bureau of Industry and Security, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, CFIUS, and the Defense Technology and Security Administration. She looks for practical ways to help solve our clients' concerns, including representing clients' interests before the Executive Branch and Congress on the impact of regulations to their businesses, as well as proposing legislative and regulatory solutions to help advance their trade and investment goals.

She assists companies with assessing the impact of foreign participation in international investment involving sensitive U.S. hardware, software and other technologies. Issues include obtaining clearance from CFIUS; conducting internal reviews of compliance systems; resolving complex licensing and classification issues; helping clients prepare voluntary disclosures of export control and economic sanctions laws violations; and defending companies subject to government enforcement actions, including penalty actions, subpoenas, and search warrants.

Previously, Christine served in the Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In this role, she acted as counsel in trade-remedy proceedings involving numerous countries and products. She also engaged with foreign government officials and steel industry experts as part of a U.S. government team involved in the White House's Steel Action Program.

Christine was recommended by *Legal 500 U.S.* in the International Trade category. She is recognized by *Chambers Global* and *Chambers U.S.A.* in the International Trade: Export Controls &

Economic Sanctions category.

Matters

Assisted **energy, infrastructure, defense, and biotechnology companies** in evaluating their export controls and compliance procedures for purposes of positioning their investment strategies for clearance by CFIUS.

Represented **several U.S. and non-U.S. aerospace and defense companies** in conducting internal investigations of export control and economic sanctions laws and preparing voluntary disclosures before the Bureau of Industry and Security, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, and the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Representing **companies in the FinTech industry** with respect to economic sanctions compliance before OFAC, including responding to government subpoenas, penalty actions, conducting internal investigations, helping to design effective compliance programs, and addressing novel licensing issues.

Assisted in obtaining clearance by CFIUS for **companies in sensitive sectors, including defense, critical technology, and critical infrastructure industries** of foreign investment, including addressing issues related to Foreign Ownership, Control and Influence, as well as assisting the companies in negotiating mitigation agreements with the U.S. government.

Assisted **numerous clients in the pharmaceutical, medical device and agricultural industries** in obtaining licenses from OFAC for the sale of products in sanctioned countries, including Cuba, Iran and Syria, as well as assisting companies in designing compliance procedures to use existing U.S. government general licenses and license exceptions in a lawful manner.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Catholic University of America, cum laude

B.A., University of Michigan, class honors

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of International Trade

District of Columbia

New York

ASSOCIATIONS

The District of Columbia Bar

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Court of International Trade

American Bar Association, International Trade Section, Export Committee

LANGUAGES

Japanese

Recognition

Top Rated International Attorney in Washington, DC

WASHINGTON DC SUPER LAWYERS

"Exceptionally well versed in various trade regulations and has provided very insightful counsel..."

CHAMBERS USA, 2018

Band 3

CHAMBERS USA & CHAMBERS GLOBAL

Recognized Practitioner

LEGAL 500 US

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

October 25, 2021

OFAC Puts Virtual Currency Industry On Notice

September 27, 2021

Biden Administration Continues Taking Action to Strengthen U.S. Supply Chains

June 14, 2021

Critical Minerals And Materials – Biden Administration Issues 100-Day Supply Chain Review Report

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

September 20, 2021

Christine Savage to Co-Chair American Conference Institute's 3rd Annual Conference on U.S.-China Trade Controls

October 22, 2020

Christine Savage to Speak on American Conference Institute's U.S.-China Trade Controls Virtual Conference

WEBINAR

June 30, 2020

Reshoring of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

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News

IN THE NEWS

July 23, 2021 • Source: Financial Times

Christine Savage discusses the Biden administration's warning to U.S. businesses on the risks of operating in Hong Kong

RECOGNITION

June 10, 2021

Legal 500 United States 2021 Ranks King & Spalding Practices Among the Top in the Nation

May 20, 2021

Chambers USA 2021 Names 179 K&S Lawyers and 65 K&S Practice Groups as Leaders in Their Fields

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