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### OVERVIEW

Nate Bolin is the leader of the firm's International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security practice group. For more than 20 years, Nate has advised and represented US and global clients on export controls, economic sanctions, trade remedies, customs and tariffs, and related areas of national security and international trade laws. Nate has extensive experience with the trade and national security laws and policies governing advanced and emerging technologies in the aerospace, advanced materials, chemicals, defense, medical, oil and gas, semiconductor, telecommunications, and transportation industries. He also regularly helps clients successfully navigate the complex CFIUS process and national security issues involving investments and cross-border transactions.

Due to his extensive experience with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), Nate has been appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs to serve on the US State Department's Defense Trade Advisory Group for five consecutive terms, most recently for the 2024-2026 session. He also advises companies on compliance with export control laws governing commercial, dual-use, and nuclear technologies, and Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions.

In the area of customs and trade regulation, Nate has successfully litigated and resolved more than 100 cases and appellate proceedings involving United States antidumping and countervailing duty laws, Section 232 and 301 tariffs, and customs law matters before US Customs and Border Protection, the US Department of Commerce, US International Trade Commission, Court of International Trade, and Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

His experience in the above areas includes counseling and representing clients in matters concerning:

- Licensing, compliance assessments and monitoring, and voluntary disclosures under the Arms Export Control Act and ITAR for companies and investors in aerospace, defense, semiconductor, electronics, and advanced materials industries.
- The US export controls and related regulations governing the use of encryption and artificial intelligence technology and software.

- Classification of semiconductor manufacturing equipment, semiconductor technology, and encryption technology and software under US export controls.
- Licensing, compliance assessments and monitoring, and voluntary disclosures under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018, International Emergency Economic Powers Act, Export Administration Regulations, US Antiboycott Regulations, and OFAC and US State Department sanctions.
- Mandatory declarations, voluntary notices, responses to notices of inquiry, and successful resolution of non-notified transactions under the CFIUS regulations and CFIUS enforcement and voluntary disclosure procedures.
- Section 301 tariffs on imports from China and Section 232 tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from various countries, including enforcement and successfully obtaining exclusions and exemptions from the tariffs.
- Country of origin, classification, and valuation determinations, rulings, and related prior disclosures under the US customs laws and regulations.
- Implementation and management of transfer pricing arrangements under US customs laws and regulations.
- Rule of origin and dispute settlement under US trade agreements including the US-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA), US-Korea Free Trade Agreement, and US-Japan Trade Agreement.
- Filing and successfully defending antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) petitions before the US Department of Commerce and US International Trade Commission.
- Obtaining scope and anti-circumvention determinations for steel, aluminum, and chemical products under the US AD/CVD laws.
- Detentions and notices of inquiry under US customs laws, the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, and US sanctions on imports from Cuba, Russia, and Iran.
- Representing companies and trade associations on trade and national security law and policy matters as a federal lobbyist before the US Senate, House of Representatives, and executive branch agencies.

Before entering private practice, Nate was an international trade specialist at the International Trade Administration of the US Commerce Department, where he worked on trade negotiations and trade agreements enforcement and compliance. During law school, he served as a law clerk to the US State Department's Office of the Legal Advisor in the area of international claims and investment disputes.

Since 2009, Nate has been an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School. He teaches courses in international trade law and the US legal system and was a visiting scholar at the law school from 2012 to 2013. He has worked and studied in Japan and is fluent in Japanese.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> for International Trade and Finance Law in Washington, DC, 2023-2026

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- US Department of State, Defense Trade Advisory Group, Federal Advisory Committee Member, 2016 - present
- The George Washington University Law School, Adjunct Professor, 2009 - present

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Bridging the Atlantic: Trade Between Europe and the United States; US Perspective on the tariffs and their impacts," American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA), 17 September 2025
- Speaker, "Updating Compliance Around the Evolving Advanced Computing and Semiconductor Rule: Demystifying October 2023 Rule Updates, TGLs, Impacted ICs and Gap Analysis," American Conference Institute: China Trade Controls 2024, 12 November 2024
- Speaker, "[Asia-Pacific Security Policy: What Future Developments in the Region Mean for Bearing and Gear Companies](#)," Webinar presented by K&L Gates with American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) and American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA), 23 October 2024
- Speaker, "CFIUS Considerations for Japanese Investors," 一般財団法人海外投融資情報財団 (Japan Institute for Overseas Investment), 12 September 2024
- Speaker "Investing in High-Tech Industries in the United States" Chinese National Federation of Industries and K&L Gates, 10 September 2024
- Speaker "Investing in the Semiconductor Industry in the United States" Chinese National Federation of Industries and K&L Gates, 9 September 2024
- Presenter, "Navigating Defense Tech: Policy and Regulatory Trends and Developments," 21 May 2024
- Speaker, "Recent ITAR Developments for Universities and Research Institutions," The George Washington University Law School and US State Department, 6 November 2023
- Speaker, 9th National Conference on CFIUS, "How CFIUS is Thinking about Green Technology and Energy Deals Being Reviewed," 14 April 2023
- Presenter, "Proficiency Series on Export Administration Regulations Compliance," American Conference Institute, 2022 and 2023
- Speaker, "11th Advanced Forum on Import Compliance & Enforcement," American Conference Institute, 8-9 November 2022
- Speaker, "Global trade controls: the impact of foreign policy on international commerce from a perspective of the EU, UK, US, and China," ICC Webinar, 7 June 2022

## EDUCATION

- J.D., George Washington University Law School, 2003 (*Honors*)
- M.A., Stanford University, 1996
- B.A., Kalamazoo College, 1994 (*Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Connecticut
- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of International Trade

## LANGUAGES

- Japanese
- English

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- February 2026, Impacts of the Recent US Supreme Court Decision on Trump's Emergency Tariffs
- 20 February 2026, Summary: Supreme Court Decision on IEEPA Tariffs
- 8 December 2025, 2025 in Review: International Nuclear Energy Updates
- 13 November 2025, White House Announces One-Year Suspension of BIS Affiliates Rule Following US-China Trade Negotiations
- 30 October 2025, US Government Announces Historic \$80 Billion Nuclear Partnership With Westinghouse Electric Company, Cameco Corporation, and Brookfield Asset Management to Construct AP1000 Reactor Fleet
- 22 October 2025, OBBBA Offers Important Incentive to Encourage Manufacturing, Production, and Refining in the United States
- 6 October 2025, BIS Rule Significantly Expands Reach of Entity List Export Controls; Includes Temporary General License
- 10 September 2025, United States Significantly Relaxes Sanctions and Export Control Restrictions on Syria

- 10 September 2025, ITAR Final Rule Revises the USML and Adds New License Exemption for Covered Activities Involving Unmanned Underwater Vehicles
- August 2025, Embassy Series: Navigating the Japan–US Trade Deal's Implications, Opportunities, and Legal Strategies
- 28 July 2025, Trump DOJ Elevating Criminal Prosecution of Tariff Evasion
- 22 July 2025, Risk of Retroactive Solar Panel Duties Looms in Court of International Trade Case
- 29 May 2025, US Provides Broad Sanctions Relief to Syria
- 27 May 2025, The Trump Administration Announces Trade Agreement With China
- 22 May 2025, The Trump Administration Announces Trade Agreement With the United Kingdom
- April 2025, Energy Policy in the Trump Administration Webinar Series–Session 2: Trade and Tariffs
- 2 April 2025, President Trump Announces "Reciprocal" Tariffs Beginning 5 April 2025
- 4 March 2025, President Trump's 4 March Tariffs Against Canada, Mexico, and China
- 4 March 2025, Trump Administration Directs CFIUS to Tighten Restrictions on Investment From Certain Countries While Easing National Security Reviews of Investments From Allies and Partners
- 26 February 2025, Trump Administration Directs CFIUS to Tighten Restrictions on Investment From Certain Countries While Easing National Security Reviews of Investments From Allies and Partners
- February 2025, The US Administration and the Implications for Asia
- 24 February 2025, President Trump Takes Additional Actions on Reciprocal Tariffs, Shipping, and Digital Services Taxes
- 17 February 2025, President Trump Directs US Trade Agencies to Formulate Reciprocal Tariffs
- 11 February 2025, President Trump Resets US Tariffs on Imports of Steel and Aluminum From All Countries
- 7 February 2025, US Tariff and Trade Update: Temporary Pause on Canada and Mexico, Tariffs on China, China Retaliation, and What's Next
- 2 February 2025, President Trump Orders Additional Tariffs on Imports From Canada, China, and Mexico
- 13 January 2025, New US Sanctions Target Russia's Energy Sector
- 9 December 2024, Final Rule on Outbound Investments: Implications for Limited Partner Investments
- 26 November 2024, Trump Signals First-Day Tariff Hikes Targeting China, Canada, and Mexico
- November 2024, 2024 Post-Election Recap Discussion
- November 2024, 2024 Post-Election Recap Discussion

- 6 November 2024, US Finalizes Restrictions on Outbound Investments Into China's Semiconductors, Quantum Technologies and AI – Implications on US LP Investors
- 10 October 2024, August 2024 Accolades
- 26 August 2024, AUKUS Series—Part 1: What is AUKUS?
- 26 June 2024, US Treasury Department Moves Closer to Implementing Outbound Investment Restrictions Through Latest Proposed Regulations

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“US Treasury Department Moves Closer to Implementing Outbound Investment Restrictions Through Latest Proposed Regulations,”](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal*, November–December 2024
- Co-Author, " Voluntary CFIUS Filings May Limit Uncertain Outcomes," *Law360*, 25 June 2021
- Author, "Trade Update: Key trade challenges, opportunities facing the gear industry in 2021," *GearSolutions*, 15 April 2021
- Author, "The top five challenges and opportunities facing the industry in 2021," *Advance Textiles Source*, 22 March 2021

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 17 September 2025, Bridging the Atlantic: Trade Between Europe and the United States, Hosted by American Gear Manufacturers Association
- 3 and 4 June 2025 , Tariffs, Trade, and Trump
- 28 April 2025, Under the Wire CLE Seminar—Trump, Trade, and Tariffs: US National Security Outlook for 2025
- 12 November 2024, China Trade Controls Conference, Hosted by American Conference Institute
- 10 September 2024, Investing In the High-Tech Industries in the US Seminar
- 9 September 2024, Investing in the Semiconductor Industry in the US Seminar
- 15 May 2024, K&L Gates Adds Pair of International Trade Partners to Washington, D.C., Office

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- 10 March 2026, *New Project Media* | POLICY: Partners at K&L Gates discuss fallout from US Supreme Court's ruling against Trump tariff
- 24 February 2026, *Footwear News* | Shoe Industry in ‘Uncharted Waters’ Over Trump's Tariff Moves

- 24 February 2026, *Inside U.S. Trade* | Analysts: Lawsuits challenging 15 percent tariffs likely, but face steep odds
- 24 February 2026, *The National* | Trump vows to press on with global tariffs
- 23 February 2026, *International Trade Today* | Cabinet: Section 301 Tariffs, New Section 232 Tariffs to Equal IEEPA
- 23 February 2026, *CBS News* | Trump's Section 122 tariffs could spur new legal battle, experts say
- 23 February 2026, *Forbes* | Trump Claims He Doesn't Need Congress For Tariffs—Why That's True Yet Misleading
- 23 February 2026, *International Trade Today* | Cabinet Promises to Obey CIT Refund Guidance

## OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Featured, "[Washington DC partners optimistic on Australian defence industry](#)" *Business News Australia*, 12 May 2025
- Quoted, "[Tariffs Are Hitting Surgical Robots and Pacemakers, but Device Companies Aren't Sweating It, Yet](#)," *STAT*, 28 April 2025
- Quoted, "[Trump Deal could hang on WTO Dispute](#)," *The Australian*, 17 April 2025
- Quoted, "[Will Tariffs Alter the Business Outlook for Fluid Power?](#)" *Endeavour Business Intelligence*, 12 December 2024
- Quoted, "[Will Tariffs Alter the Business Outlook for Fluid Power?](#)" *Power & Motion*, 12 December 2024
- "The sanctions mirror: Russian countermeasures pose a 'conflict of law'," *Reuters*, 17 March 2022

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition
- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security

## INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace and Defense
- Manufacturing

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Export Control

- Advised a major US defense and aerospace manufacturer on compliance with ITAR requirements for hypersonic technologies.
- Conducted an internal investigation of suspected ITAR and EAR compliance issues at an international advanced materials company; advised on updates to policies, procedures, and existing Technology Control Plans to address the deficiencies and process gaps identified.
- Counseled a US information technology and cybersecurity company on internal investigations of suspected export control violations, voluntary self-disclosures, license applications, product classification, and compliance issues involving encryption, wireless, and networking technologies.
- Assisted a US network security and anti-intrusion software provider with export control licensing, investigations, and voluntary disclosures arising in connection with its acquisition of a global information technology company.
- Conducted an internal investigation of potential export control violations arising from sponsored research programs at a US university.
- Delivered in-house training programs for employees and senior officials of a multi-national semiconductors company on compliance with the ITAR and other export control regulations.
- Advised an advanced materials manufacturer on ITAR and other export control requirements related to its establishment of manufacturing facilities in the United States, India, Mexico, Hungary, and the UK.
- Advised a provider of commercial satellite services on compliance with the ITAR, EAR, and US economic sanctions.
- Obtained CHIPS Act funding and export control licenses for a semiconductor manufacturing equipment producer.

## CFIUS

- Successfully resolved without penalty or mitigation an investigation of an alleged non-notified transaction involving a semiconductor technology company.
- Successfully resolved without penalty a non-notified acquisition of a US company engaged in activities regulated by the ITAR and EAR dual-use export controls.
- Obtained clearance for the acquisition of an advanced semiconductor materials manufacturer by Taiwanese investors.
- Developed and implemented CFIUS due diligence policies and procedures for the strategic investment arm of several Japanese multinational conglomerates and investment funds.

## Customs and Trade

- Successfully obtained permanent exemptions from Section 301 tariffs for consumer electronics, chemicals, and automotive-related imports from China.

- Successful resolution of an audit by US Customs and Border Protection related to the classification and valuation of imports of chemical and functional food imports from China, Korea, and Japan.
- Obtained release for entry into the United States of automotive parts and components alleged to contain products of forced labor.
- Advised an oil and gas producer and exporter on the establishment of a US Foreign Trade Zone for its liquified natural gas production facilities.
- Advised a US importer of chemical products from Japan on the duty-free provisions of the US-Japan Trade Agreement.
- Successfully resolved a prior disclosure related to assists and transfer pricing adjustments to the value of imports of medical equipment and advanced imaging products.