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OVERVIEW

Steven Hill is a partner at the firm. He has over 25 years of experience in a broad array of international trade regulation compliance and enforcement matters, particularly export controls, including the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), sanctions laws enforced by the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), customs and other importation laws, anti-boycott laws, and anti-corruption laws, such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

Steven regularly advises multinational businesses in every context in which compliance with international trade laws may arise, including responding to governmental enforcement actions, preparation of voluntary disclosures and other submissions to governmental authorities, conducting internal investigations of potential violations of international trade laws, as well as ongoing day-to-day compliance matters, such as classification of goods, software, and technology, assessment of the impact of sanctions programs on proposed transactions, and obtaining licenses from relevant government agencies. Steven also assists clients in conducting internal risk assessments and development and implementation of compliance programs and has conducted targeted training on international trade laws for clients located in a number of countries. As part of his experience, Steven regularly assists clients in conducting international trade-related diligence on mergers and acquisitions, joint venture partners, and other business partners and intermediaries.

Steven routinely works with the firm's public policy, corporate, securities, government contracts, and white collar and criminal defense areas to provide coordinated services to clients on international trade compliance matters. He also has substantial experience working with lawyers and experts in foreign countries to formulate effective advice in matters covering multiple national jurisdictions.

As part of his services to clients on substantive international trade matters, Steven regularly advises on national security reviews of foreign acquisitions and investments in the United States conducted by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). This includes analysis of proposed transactions for potential national security risk factors, development of effective strategies in approaching CFIUS and other relevant actors within the US government, and submission of voluntary notifications to CFIUS.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Steven was a lawyer in the international trade practice groups of several other prominent Washington, D.C. law firms.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- District of Columbia Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 1997
- B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1991 (*summa cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- February 2026, Impacts of the Recent US Supreme Court Decision on Trump's Emergency Tariffs
- 16 February 2026, Narco Traffickers in the Classroom—and Whistleblowers at the Gate
- 13 November 2025, White House Announces One-Year Suspension of BIS Affiliates Rule Following US-China Trade Negotiations
- 30 October 2025, United States Imposes Sanctions on Russian Energy Companies
- 6 October 2025, BIS Rule Significantly Expands Reach of Entity List Export Controls; Includes Temporary General License
- 23 September 2025, Power and Protection: Navigating CFIUS and Foreign Ownership Risks in Renewable Projects
- 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
- 28 July 2025, Trump DOJ Elevating Criminal Prosecution of Tariff Evasion
- 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

- 2 April 2025, President Trump Announces "Reciprocal" Tariffs Beginning 5 April 2025
- 31 March 2025, Implications of New "Secondary Tariff" Executive Order Targeting Importers of Venezuelan Oil
- 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
- 9 December 2024, Final Rule on Outbound Investments: Implications for Limited Partner Investments
- 13 November 2024, Welcome to Our New Blog
- 6 November 2024, US Finalizes Restrictions on Outbound Investments Into China's Semiconductors, Quantum Technologies and AI – Implications on US LP Investors
- 26 June 2024, US Treasury Department Moves Closer to Implementing Outbound Investment Restrictions Through Latest Proposed Regulations
- 22 April 2024, The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States Sharpens Its Enforcement Edge: Proposed Regulatory Revisions Expand Penalty Authority
- 21 March 2024, President Biden Issues Executive Order Restricting Bulk Transfers of Sensitive Personal and US Government-Related Data
- 1 February 2024, Twelfth Annual "Under the Wire" CLE Webinar
- 15 December 2023, US Government Highlights Sanctions and Export Control Obligations to Improve Compliance and Prevent Evasion
- 27 October 2023, US Government Revises Comprehensive Export Controls on Semiconductors and Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment
- 19 October 2023, OFAC Imposes First Sanctions for Russian Oil Price Cap Violations
- 19 October 2023, United States Eases Sanctions on Venezuela
- 15 August 2023, United States Imposes Unprecedented Outbound Investment Controls Focused on China
- 11 August 2023, CFIUS Proposal Underscores Risks in Foreign Real Estate Acquisitions in the United States
- 6 June 2023, Russia-Related Export Controls Continue to Escalate
- 2 May 2023, US Government to Penalize Failures to Disclose Possible Export Control Violations and Incentivize Reporting of Others' Violations
- 21 October 2022, U.S. Government Imposes Significant New Export Controls on Semiconductor, Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment, and Supercomputer-Related Transactions Involving China and Chinese Entities

- 13 May 2022, United States Restricts Accounting, Corporate Formation, and Management Consulting Services to Russia
- 19 April 2022, Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Sanctions Climate for Foreign Investment in Russia - Part I of II
- 7 April 2022, New U.S. Sanctions Restrict Investment and Services in Russia and Block Major Russian Banks
- 25 March 2022 , U.S. Imposes Further Rounds of Sanctions on Russia
- 15 March 2022, New U.S. Sanctions on Russia and Belarus Impose Trade and Investment Restrictions on Luxury Goods and Russia's Energy Sector
- 25 February 2022, U.S. Imposes Additional, "Severe" Sanctions on Russia in Response to Russia's Military Advance into Ukraine
- 24 February 2022, U.S. Imposes Initial Sanctions in Response to Russia's Threat to Undermine Ukraine's Sovereignty
- 22 July 2021, Key Takeaways and Q&As to Understand China's Effort to Establish Its Own Legal Regime of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
- 4 September 2020, Trump Administration Significantly Enhances Export Control Supply Chain Restrictions on Huawei
- 17 July 2020, August Is Coming: Interim Rule Banning Federal Contractor Use of Certain Chinese Technologies Takes Effect August 13th
- 20 May 2020, U.S. Raises Bar for Sanctions Compliance in Maritime, Energy, and Metals Sectors
- 7 May 2020, President Trump Moves to Secure U.S. Power Grid from Foreign Adversary Threats
- 6 May 2020, Trump Administration to Consider Whether Imports Pose a Threat to the U.S. Energy Infrastructure
- 15 April 2020, COVID-19: New FEMA Rule Limits U.S. Export of Personal Protective Equipment
- 20 March 2020, Recent Actions By CFIUS Underscore Importance of Review Process
- 24 January 2020, Treasury Issues Final Regulations Revamping CFIUS Authority
- 3 December 2019, Commerce Proposes Process to Evaluate Transactions Involving Information and Communications Technology and Services for National Security Concerns
- 27 September 2019, Treasury Proposes Regulations Implementing Nearly All of FIRRMA's Provisions
- 19 August 2019, D.C. Circuit Upholds Foreign Banks' Contempt for Noncompliance with U.S. Subpoenas in North Korea Sanctions Investigation
- 14 August 2019, New U.S. Sanctions on the Government of Venezuela

- 13 August 2019, New Supply Chain Prohibitions of Certain Telecommunications Equipment and Services Place Additional Requirements on Government Contractors
- 27 June 2019, Origin Fraud – When "Made in Vietnam" is not made in Vietnam
- 7 May 2019, Prominent Divestiture Orders Demonstrate CFIUS's Focus on Access to Sensitive Personal Data as a National Security Concern
- 5 February 2019, Trump Administration Sanctions Venezuela's State-Owned Oil Company PdVSA
- 17 January 2019, OFAC Announces Intent to Remove Sanctions on UC Rusal plc, En+ Group plc, and JSC EuroSibEnerg
- 18 October 2018, BUILDING BRIDGES VI: Financing Public Infrastructure in North America: Myths,
- 30 July 2018, "Trump Majeure": Managing Commercial Uncertainty in a New Age of Tariffs
- 17 May 2018, United States Ceases Participation in Iran Nuclear Deal and Will Implement Pre-Deal Sanctions Regime – Practical Considerations
- 29 January 2018, Further Implementation of Sanctions Legislation
- 23 October 2017, Iran Nuclear Deal "Decertified" Although Impact Is Uncertain
- 16 October 2017, Comprehensive Embargo on Sudan Lifted, Although Some Restrictions Remain
- 28 August 2017, Significant New Russia, Iran and North Korea Sanctions Legislation Signed Into Law
- 18 July 2017, Compliance With "Buy American" Laws: Agency Reports Due September 15, 2017
- 4 May 2017, "Buy American" – President Trump Orders Federal Agencies to Enforce Government Procurement Rules
- 2 May 2017, President Trump Prioritizes Investigations Regarding the Effects of Steel and Aluminum Imports on U.S. National Security
- 21 March 2017, K&L Gates Boardroom Conversations: Export and Trade
- 24 January 2017, Obama Administration Announces Relief of Sudan Sanctions Measures
- 21 December 2016, OFAC Provides Prospective Guidance on Potential "Snap-Back" of Iran Sanctions

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- ["US Treasury Department Moves Closer to Implementing Outbound Investment Restrictions Through Latest Proposed Regulations,"](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal*, November–December 2024
- ["US Government Revises Comprehensive Export Controls on Semiconductors and Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment,"](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal*, March-April 2024

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Kyuden in its Investment in Spearmint Energy Regarding Two Battery Energy Storage Projects
- 17 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises on US\$4 Billion Damascus International Airport Redevelopment
- 14 May 2025, K&L Gates Advises MSA Safety Incorporated on €175 Million Acquisition of M&C TechGroup Germany
- 28 April 2025, Under the Wire CLE Seminar—Trump, Trade, and Tariffs: US National Security Outlook for 2025
- 28 January 2025, K&L Gates Advises Universal Stainless & Alloy Products in its Acquisition by Aperam
- 2 August 2023, K&L Gates Advises Gorka Holding on Sale of Majority of Shares in DiaSys Diagnostics Systems GmbH
- 23 February 2023, ABA Webinar (M&A), Hosted by American Bar Association
- 11 May 2022, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion Technology Corporation on US\$3.8 Billion Cross-Border Take-Private Acquisition by MaxLinear, Inc.
- 19 January 2022, Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains, Hosted by Gowling
- 6 October 2021, K&L Gates Advises Sinch AB on \$1.9 Billion Acquisition of Pathwire
- 1 September 2021, K&L Gates Advises Megaport (USA) Inc. in Acquisition of InnovoEdge Inc.
- 13 July 2021, K&L Gates Launches Expanded Guidebook on Doing Business in the United States
- 23 February 2021, K&L Gates Advises Sinch AB on \$1.14 Billion Acquisition of U.S. Telecom Provider Inteliquent
- 17 August 2020, K&L Gates Advises Tokyo Gas America on Two Acquisitions
- 27 November 2019, K&L Gates Advises on Cross-Border \$1.3 Billion Pending Tender Offer for Veloxis Pharmaceuticals
- 29 April 2019, K&L Gates Cross-Platform Team Advises LG Household & Healthcare Company in Acquisition Agreement with New Avon LLC
- 3 August 2018, K&L Gates Advises innogy on Acquisition of More Than 2,000 MW Onshore Wind Projects
- 13 February 2017, K&L Gates Advises Hexagon AB on Pending Acquisition of MSC Software Corporation
- 15 August 2016, K&L Gates Further Enhances Washington, D.C., Office With International Trade Partner Hire

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
- 3 March 2026, *Law.com International* | 'Another Iteration of a Known Issue': Trump's Revised Tariffs Not Expected to Impact Asia Deal Flow
- 24 February 2026, *Inside U.S. Trade* | Analysts: Lawsuits challenging 15 percent tariffs likely, but face steep odds
- 23 February 2026, *International Trade Today* | Lawsuit Over Section 122 Likely but Will Take More Than 5 Months, Lawyers Say

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption
- Internal Investigations
- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security
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- Public Policy and Law
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- Consumer Goods and Services