

Brian P. Curran

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Biography

Brian Curran has been operating in the U.S. national security sphere for more than 20 years, first as a 10-year veteran of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) and now as a partner at Hogan Lovells focused on national security reviews conducted by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

Brian represents a wide variety of clients before CFIUS, including foreign multinationals, private equity investors, and family offices around the world, including in China, Israel, Singapore, Japan, France, Spain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany, Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom. He also represents U.S. companies before CFIUS – from technology start-ups to large, publicly traded companies.

Brian's clients operate in a variety of sectors, including life sciences, social media, aerospace and defense, telecommunications, cybersecurity, and semiconductors. Brian assists clients in securing CFIUS clearance, negotiating and complying with mitigation agreements imposed by CFIUS, and navigating the rules ushered in by the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018 (FIRRMA) and its implementing regulations.

Brian also represents clients on export controls issues before the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) and the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). Brian advises companies on a wide variety of export control



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Practices

International Trade and Investment
Space and Satellite
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Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Energy and Natural Resources
Technology and Telecoms
Private Capital

Areas of focus

CFIUS and Foreign Investment
Reviews
Export Controls

issues, including mergers and acquisitions due diligence, export classifications, licensing, internal investigations, and voluntary disclosures.

Representative experience

Represented a major French transportation company before CFIUS in connection with its investments in two joint ventures.

Represented a Chinese investor before CFIUS in connection with the largest proposed Chinese acquisition of a U.S. company at the time.

Represented JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation before CFIUS in connection with a carbon capture and CO₂-enhanced oil recovery project.

Advised universities and Internet and telecommunications companies on the export control implications of cyber attacks and cloud computing.

Conducted in-depth trade compliance audits for a major U.S. defense contractor.

Represented a U.S. electronics company in a complex multijurisdictional export control internal investigation.

Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: International Trade, Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2020
- International Trade: CFIUS Experts, Recognised Practitioner (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution: International trade, Recommendation, *Legal 500 US*, 2020
- International Trade: CFIUS Experts (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2022

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - BIS continues to expand export controls on Russia and Belarus and adds 71 entities to the Entity List
- News
 - U.S. expands controls on exports of industrial and

Sanctions

Technology Transfer, Deemed Exports, and University Based Fundamental Research

Hogan Lovells China Desk

Sovereigns: Debt & Restructuring

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, with high honors, Order of the Coif, 2006

M.A., American University, School of International Service, Fellowship Recipient, 1995

B.A., College of William & Mary, 1992

Memberships

Member, Society for International Affairs

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia (inactive)

commercial goods to Russia

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Saint-Gobain on the acquisition of Monofrax
- News
 - U.S. announces record Strategic Petroleum Reserve release; energy-related Russia sanctions updates
- News
 - U.S. restricts exports of luxury goods to Russia and Belarus
- News
 - New measures from the US, UK, and EU aim to significantly reduce reliance on Russian energy supplies