

Michael Jacobson

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Biography

Michael Jacobson helps clients solve complex cross-border problems. He assists clients with high-stakes matters involving treaty-based claims, trade disputes under U.S. law, and trade and investment policy solutions under the rules and protections of U.S. administrative bodies, U.S. courts, free trade agreements (FTAs), bilateral investment treaties (BITs), and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Michael has experience litigating before international tribunals, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), the U.S. Court of International Trade, and the WTO. Michael also provides advice in the areas of trade remedies, economic sanctions, export controls, customs, and CFIUS. Michael advises companies across diverse economic sectors, including e-commerce, energy, automotive, financial services, medical devices, building materials, industrial products, steel, aluminum, telecommunications, mining, and agriculture.

Michael is an adjunct faculty member at the American University Washington College of Law, where he teaches a course on current issues in international trade and investment law and policy.

While in law school, Michael was a legal intern at the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Office of Services and Investment, where he assisted USTR in developing positions for major trade and investment agreements. Michael served as president of the Harvard Law School moot court board. Michael founded, captained, and



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Practices

International Trade and Investment
International Arbitration
Government Relations and Public Affairs

Areas of focus

Anti-dumping and Countervailing
Duty Investigations
CFIUS and Foreign Investment
Reviews
Customs and Import Compliance
Export Controls
Public International Law
Sanctions
Trade Legislation, Policy, and
Negotiations

coached Harvard Law School's ELSA WTO moot court team, winning best oralist at the North America and Final International Rounds. He was also a member of Harvard Law School's Willem C. Vis international commercial arbitration moot court team, winning awards for oral argument and brief writing.

Prior to law school, Michael was a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he supported the U.S. Department of Commerce in administering a major federal grants program.

Representative experience

Secured a unanimous negative injury finding and full dismissal of an investigation on behalf of a U.S. purchaser and foreign producer of silicon metal before the ITC.

Represented the Canadian solar panel manufacturing industry in a Section 201 safeguard investigations before the ITC and subsequent appeals.

Secured a negative injury finding and full dismissal of an investigation on behalf of a Korean foreign producer of automotive tapered roller bearings before the ITC.

Secured a negotiated solution to resolve ICSID arbitration claims related to the electricity sector in a Caribbean country.

Represented a multinational company in an UNCITRAL arbitration arising from an expropriation in the energy sector of a Latin American country.

Advising numerous clients regarding recent trade actions under Section 232 and Section 301.

Advised clients on Free Trade Agreement negotiations, including the NAFTA renegotiation, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

Secured CFIUS clearance within 30-day review period for consortium of Hong Kong, Chinese, and Singaporean investors in the technology sector.

Awards and rankings

Treaty Arbitrations and Disputes

WTO Policy and Legislation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2013

B.A., Georgetown University, magna cum laude, Honors in Economics, 2009

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of International Trade

- Rising Star, Top Lawyers Under 40, *Law360*, 2022

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