

Stephen F. Propst

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

Stephen Propst helps clients in navigating complex issues under U.S. export controls, economic sanctions and related national security regulations. He brings industry sector knowledge and a commitment to practical, business-focused solutions to his client relationships.

Stephen has a wealth of experience advising clients regarding a full range of regulatory and enforcement matters under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), and the sanctions regulations administered by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Since 2017, he has led Hogan Lovells' representation of ZTE Corporation in the implementation its landmark settlement agreements with the U.S. Government, among the largest export enforcement cases and corporate monitorships in U.S. history.

Stephen has particular strength in advising telecommunications and space industry clients, including network equipment manufacturers and operators of communications satellites, remote sensing satellites, space-based logistics vehicles, ground system manufacturers and launch services providers. He also works extensively with clients in the areas of aircraft, automotive, and higher education.

In 2014, Stephen wrote a ground breaking legal analysis that was presented at the Brookings Institution and served as the roadmap for President Obama's



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Practices

International Trade and
Investment

Space and Satellite

Sovereigns

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Consumer

Automotive and Mobility

Education

Technology and Telecoms

Energy and Natural Resources

Private Capital

historic changes to the U.S. embargo against Cuba.

Stephen previously served as the Co-Chair of Hogan Lovells' global matched charitable giving campaign. He also served as member of the Board of Directors of Gifts for the Homeless, a non-profit charitable organization that donates money and clothing to benefit the homeless in the Washington, D.C. area.

Representative experience

Assisting manufacturer of communications equipment in obtaining U.S. government approval for export of network infrastructure equipment to Cuba.

Assisting a leading U.S. aerospace and defense company in auditing export control and economic sanctions compliance programs.

Counseling a European aircraft manufacturer on U.S. de minimis rules in connection with incorporation of U.S. components into European-made aircraft.

Assisting a cruise ship operator in obtaining U.S. government authorizations to operate a vessels between the U.S. and Cuba for authorized travelers.

Assisting an international communications services provider in conducting a cyber intrusion review and filing U.S. Government disclosures.

Assisting a European company with an internal compliance review and voluntary disclosure related to U.S. sanctions against Iran.

Assisting leading U.S. universities regarding sponsored research and export control issues.

Assisting an aircraft finance company in obtaining ITAR export and brokering authorizations related to international aircraft leasing arrangements.

Awards and rankings

- International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2020-2023
- International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2019-

Areas of focus

Export Controls

Sanctions

Technology Transfer, Deemed Exports, and University Based Fundamental Research

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1998

M.P.P., Duke University, 1998

B.A., Princeton University, 1992

Memberships

Member, American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)

Member, American Bar Association (ABA)

Member, Aerospace and Defense Industries Committee, ABA

Member, Export Controls and Economic Sanctions Committee, ABA

Member, Section of International Law, ABA

Member, Sanctions Subcommittee, U.S. Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy

Member, Society for International Affairs

2022

- International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions (Nationwide), Recognised Practitioner, *Chambers USA*, 2017-2018
- Dispute Resolution: International Trade, *Legal 500 US*, 2008, 2014-2019
- Export Controls and Sanctions, Highly Commended, *WorldECR*, 2018
- Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - U.S. Treasury announces new sanctions targeting Russian banks, warns foreign financial institutions from using Russian alternative to SWIFT
- News
 - BIS, OFAC, and U.S. State Department target Russia's military and defense-industrial base
- News
 - U.S. BIS issues guidance on export control best practices for financial institutions
- News
 - U.S. Treasury rule establishes outbound investment security program
- News
 - BIS and DDTC issue rules to amend U.S. space-related export controls
- News
 - U.S. proposal prohibits imports, sales of connected vehicles and systems with China or Russia nexus

Member, Board of Directors,
Gifts for the Homeless

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia
Maryland

Accolades

"Clients say that Stephen Propst's 'thoroughness is most impressive,' and that 'his ability to master the details of a transaction and convey them in writing is top-notch.'"

Legal 500 US
