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Biography

Having spent 10 years as a Defense Intelligence Agency analyst with a TS/SCI clearance, Brian Curran retains his keen interest in national security issues.

Today, Brian uses that experience every day at Hogan Lovells to represent foreign multinationals and investors in national security reviews before CFIUS, including companies based in China, Israel, Singapore, Japan, France, Spain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Brian has a deep understanding of complex matters involving export controls, economic sanctions, and CFIUS reviews.

Brian helps clients navigate the export control implications of cyber attacks and cloud computing and assists clients with investment survey filings mandated by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), including the BE-10, BE-13, and BE-180 surveys. He can also assist clients with internal investigations, M&A due diligence, and licensing matters related to the EAR, ITAR, and U.S. economic sanctions.

His CFIUS clients have included companies in the aerospace and defense, telecommunications, energy, biotech, information technology, 3D printing, transportation, physical security, and real estate



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Practices

International Trade and Investment
Space and Satellite

Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and
Government Services
Energy and Natural Resources
TMT

Areas of focus

CFIUS and Foreign Investment
Reviews
Export Controls

industries. Brian also represents a diverse group of foreign and U.S. clients on export controls and economic sanctions matters before the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), and the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). These clients are involved in the private equity, defense, satellite, pharmaceutical, information technology, aircraft, oil and gas, automotive, consulting, and education sectors.

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.

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

Brian has represented a U.S. electronics company in a complex multijurisdictional export control internal investigation.

Awards and rankings

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

Sanctions

Technology Transfer, Deemed Exports, and University Based Fundamental Research

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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)

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - BIS adds a number of companies to the Entity List, including Iran Air *International Trade and Investment Alert*
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Allianz on the acquisition of a majority stake in ControlExpert
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - President Trump orders Chinese company to divest its ownership of U.S. hotel management software company
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - U.S. government ends uncertainty surrounding the use of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) in humanitarian trade with Iran and opens U.S.-Swiss Humanitarian Channel
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - China, supply chain risk, and the race to 5G *International Trade Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - BIS revises Country Group designations for Russia and Yemen, imposing additional licensing requirements and removing availability of certain license exceptions *International Trade Alert*