

Stephen F. Propst

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

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

Stephen is a recognized thought leader on economic sanctions issues. In 2011, he published a groundbreaking legal analysis regarding the authority of the President to modify the sanctions against Cuba. The paper, which was released at a forum at The Brookings Institution and presented to senior government officials, provides the legal analysis supporting President Obama's historic changes to the U.S. embargo against Cuba announced in December 2014.

Stephen has a wealth of experience advising clients regarding a full range of regulatory issues 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). He has developed and implemented trade compliance programs, drafted Technical Assistance Agreements and export license applications, prepared commodity jurisdiction and classification requests, conducted internal compliance reviews, and drafted voluntary



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Practices

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Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Consumer
Automotive
Education
Technology and Telecoms
Energy and Natural Resources
Private Capital

disclosures.

Stephen has particular strength in advising telecommunications industry clients, including satellite manufacturers and operators, network equipment manufacturers, and telecommunications service providers. He also works extensively with clients in the areas of aircraft, automotive, software development, chemicals, medical products, and higher education.

Stephen serves as the Co-Chair of the Hogan Lovells Touch program, the firm's global matched charitable giving campaign. He is also 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.

Areas of focus

Export Controls

Sanctions

Technology Transfer, Deemed Exports, and University Based Fundamental Research

Sovereigns: International Trade

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

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
- International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2019-2020
- 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
 - Biden Administration issues New Executive Order to protect Americans' sensitive data
- Analysis
 - China issues comprehensive Export Control Compliance Guidance for Dual-Use Items
- News
 - BIS targets companies involved in Chinese military research and development activities
- News
 - U.S. broadens sanctions on Russia in connection with poisoning and imprisonment of Alexei Navalny
- News

Member, Society for International Affairs

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

- U.S. Commerce Department announces additional export controls on Burma
- News
 - U.S. imposes new sanctions and export controls on Burma