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3

attorneys

130

Innovative. Inquisitive. Invested. That's how clients often describe MSK's culture and ability to understand the complex, demystify the mysterious, and define the unknown. And for more than a century, those three qualities have driven the success of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp. Relentlessly innovative, our lawyers have developed groundbreaking legislation, established influential precedents, and shaped the legal landscape. Equally inquisitive, we continuously seek to better understand our clients, their industries, and the law. Above all, we are invested in our clients, and take pride in our long-standing partnerships with them that confirm the value of our approach.

With deep roots in Los Angeles's entertainment industry since 1908, MSK has developed a national presence in a variety of complementary industries and practice areas. Operating from offices in Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, D.C., MSK enjoys a culture that benefits as much from its diversity of perspectives as from its stability, with many partners choosing to spend their entire careers at the firm. With a historical perspective and an entrepreneurial spirit, MSK continues to be the firm to which countless companies turn to when they want a creative legal advisor and business partner.

leaders in diversity

MSK believes an unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion, from our hiring decisions to vendor selection to our client communication and events we host, creates a better organization and provides the basis for producing better results for our clients.

core practice areas

**Commercial Disputes • Corporate & Business Transactions • Digital Media & Interactive Entertainment
Immigration • Labor & Employment • Real Estate • Regulatory • Tax and Trusts & Estates**

recognition

- MSK was selected by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* as one of the "Top 25" recipients of the prestigious Diversity Leader Award (2016)
- MSK was selected for inclusion by *US News Best Law Firms*. The firm was ranked Tier 1 in two national categories (Entertainment Law and IP Litigation) and 11 Metropolitan categories (2016)
- MSK was named "Best Law Firm for Minority Attorneys" and "Best Law Firm For Minority Partners" by *Law360* (2015)
- MSK's Media & Entertainment practice has been named to the list of "Practice Groups of the Year" by *Law360* (2015)
- MSK was named to *Vault's* "Top 150 Under 150" list, a list highlighting the "best-known and most sought-after" law firms with fewer than 150 attorneys (2015)
- Best Lawyers® recognizes 23 MSK attorneys across 15 practice areas in *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2016) and distinguished two MSK partners as "Lawyer of the Year" (2015)
- *The Legal 500* United States ranks MSK amongst top firms in areas including Finance and Intellectual Property (2015)
- *Chambers USA* recognizes seven MSK attorneys and four practice groups from MSK among nation's best (2015)
- *Law360* names MSK a "California Powerhouse" while highlighting the firm's most impacting cases in the entertainment, video game, and music industries (2014)
- *Corporate Counsel* announces MSK as one of the law firms "Who Represents America's Biggest Companies" (2014)

MSK attorneys have also been honored in the following:

- Top Music Lawyer – *Billboard*
- Litigator of the Week – *The American Lawyer*
- BTI Client Service All-Star – *Corporate Counsel*
- 2015 Guide to Most Powerful Employment Attorneys – *Lawdragon*
- Top 50 Regulatory & Compliance Trailblazers – *National Law Journal*
- The Most Influential Lawyers of the Decade – *National Law Journal*
- Top 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America – *National Law Journal*
- California's Ten Most Influential Lawyers of the Decade – *The Daily Journal*
- Top 10 California Entertainment IP Litigators – *The Daily Journal*





Best Practices for Securing Your Supply Chain

By **Evan M. Kent & Susan Kohn Ross**

A secure supply chain gets your goods where they are intended to go on-time and at the expected cost. Have you taken commercially reasonable steps to secure your supply chain?

Here is a list of best practices to help secure your supply chain:

1. Vet and know your business partners, especially suppliers.
2. Identify all the trademarks and copyrights which appear on your product, including any inserts and packaging.
3. Identify all the patents used to make your product.
4. Who owns which Trademark? Copyright? Patent?
5. If the seller does not own the IP, validate with the IP owner the usage is legitimate.
 - Is that validation information available online?
6. Walk away from potential suppliers who will not cooperate.
7. If you own the IP, what internal controls do your suppliers and resellers have in place to make sure only legitimate use is made of your IP?
8. If you are buying and selling goods which bear IP owned by others, you risk trading in counterfeit goods without an adequate due diligence program. What procedures do you have in place to verify the seller is offering goods which are not counterfeit?
9. Do your contracts include provisions (with penalties) to enhance compliance and allow recovery of damages when misdeeds occur?



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Protecting Your Brand Overseas

By Evan M. Kent

It has been my experience that when many U.S. clients expand their businesses beyond national borders, they are unaware that their U.S. trademark registrations provide no protection in foreign jurisdictions.

Trademark ownership provides important commercial and legal benefits including the exclusive right to use the registered trademark and the right to sell or license it to another for profit. Further, trademark ownership gives one legal standing to prevent others from using or attempting to register similar or identical trademarks. Trademarks are considered to be tangible assets of the owner and add to the value of the shares of a company. If you are an exporter, or thinking about exporting in the future, you should seriously consider securing protection for your trademarks at the earliest possible date in those foreign markets which are or could be of interest.

Unlike the United States, most Asian countries have a "first to file" trademark protection system. This means that the first party to file for trademark registration is accorded legal protection, even if the party has never used the trademark, and will have rights superior to one who has used the trademark but never registered it. It is not uncommon for Asian distributors of a U.S. product, which is the subject matter of a U.S. trademark registration, to file an application in their home jurisdictions, with the result that the U.S. company could be prevented from using the trademark in that country or face infringement claims were it to do so.

Even more insidious is the practice of foreign "predators" who research promising, emerging U.S. companies, register their trademarks in different Asian countries and then try to sell them back to the U.S. company at exorbitant prices. There are instances of United States companies having to pay well over \$100,000.00 just to get the rights to their own trademarks in a Asian country.

The safest approach is to register your trademark in each country. Typical fees range from about \$1,500.00 to about \$3,500.00 to prepare and file a one class application in each Asian country. The cost of registering one's trademark is far less than paying to recover a trademark registered by a "predator". The important issue to consider in deciding in which countries to file first includes taking into account in which countries the appearance of knockoffs or counterfeits would be most damaging, where sales are most profitable and the location of the manufacturing sites.

One can take advantage of one of the provisions of the intellectual property treaty known as the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. The convention priority right provides that an applicant from one member country is able to use its first filing date in one of the member countries as the effective filing date in another member country, provided that the applicant files another application within six months from the first filing. Exercising this option would enable a fledgling company to stretch out its intellectual property protection budget over a six-month period without jeopardizing its rights. China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam are among the many Asian countries which are contracting parties to the convention.

When a trademark registration issues, it is valid for a fixed legal term, usually ten years from the registration date, after which time it can be renewed for another ten year period or longer. The registration can potentially continue to be renewed indefinitely as long as the mark is still in use in connection with the goods covered by the registration.



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Once the investment is made in obtaining trademark registrations, it is prudent to protect that investment against infringements by subscribing to a trademark monitoring service, which will alert the user to official filings of the identical or confusingly similar trademarks in the countries of interest. Cease and desist letters may then be sent to the applicants, demanding that they abandon their applications and/or cease all use of the infringing trademark. This can be an effective tool, since many of these infringers do not want to go to court and will accept the terms of the cease and desist letter without further action.

Asian countries hold tremendous potential for United States products, as long as the relevant trademarks are properly protected at an early date.

If you have any additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me by email at emk@msk.com.



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intellectual property

Attorneys in MSK's Intellectual Property practice have helped shape the media and entertainment industry through their representation of motion picture, television, video, music, animation, and interactive game and software developers, as well as the producers, publishers, distributors, talent, and investors. We have tried and won numerous precedent-setting cases before judges and juries in state and federal courts. In addition, we are skilled in handling arbitrations, mediations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, and actively provide litigation-avoidance counseling to our clients.

We offer advice and counsel in the areas of anti-piracy, copyright, trademark, patent, intellectual property and technology agreements, and trade secrets, providing worldwide representation in the protection, enforcement and exploitation of intellectual property rights.

copyright

Litigation in the federal courts, as well as transactional representation, comprising registration, recordation, title searches, opinions and licensing, including the development and implementation of domestic and international internet/P2P and physical goods anti-piracy programs.

trademark

A trademark – such as a word or a logo – identifies the source of a product or service. As such, trademarks are critical assets of all businesses. MSK's trademark practice provides its clients with full-service domestic and international trademark representation. We file and prosecute trademark applications worldwide, perform trademark availability searches, provide representation before the United States Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and assist our clients in policing their trademark rights. In addition, MSK represents its clients in connection with the negotiation and drafting of trademark licenses, assignments, and other similar transactions.

trade secret/unfair competition

Litigation in the federal and state courts and counseling with respect to trade secret protection and related agreements.

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patent

Litigation in federal courts as well as preparing and prosecuting patent applications; handling Patent Office appeals, reexaminations and reissues; conducting patent litigation in the federal courts and the ITC; counseling and rendering opinions on patentability, infringement, validity, and enforceability; and formulating patent portfolio development strategies.

right of publicity/right of privacy

Litigation and counseling with respect to rights of publicity and privacy and related agreements.

intellectual property and technology agreements

Negotiation and preparation of intellectual property licenses and high technology transfer and development agreements.

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international trade

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Our Trade specialists regularly advise all manner of companies involved in international commerce, including importers, exporters, customs brokers, sureties, insurance companies, freight forwarders and transportation companies. By working closely with governmental agencies such as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Departments of Commerce and State, Food & Drug Administration, International Trade Commission and U.S. Trade Representative, we are able to assist clients to develop cost-effective compliance programs, identify and solve problems, and mitigate or avoid duties and taxes. Some of the many issues with which we have particular experience include:

- Antidumping and countervailing duty cases, including representation before the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission
- Retaliatory trade actions, such as those taken under Sections 201 and 301
- Representations to the U.S. Trade Representative in WTO and bilateral trade negotiations and special trade programs, such as NAFTA, the Generalized System of Preferences, and the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act Application and Interpretation of Treaties, Statutes, and Executive Orders
- Export and import of commercial and military technology, including serving as advocate for our client's trade interests before the United States Trade Representative
- Shipper's Export Declaration and export licensing
- Compliance with U.S. economic sanctions
- Formulation of robust compliance programs for free trade agreement claims
- Customs classification, valuation, audits, seizures, penalties and liquidated damages
- Copyright, trademark, and patent issues
- Manufacturer quantity supply, warranty and epidemic failure agreements

attorneys

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related practices areas

corporate & business transactions
cybersecurity and privacy protection
homeland security & regulation
regulatory



- Uniform Commercial Code and International Convention of the Sale of Goods
- Structure of international sales transactions

international transportation & maritime law

With a focus on domestic and international air, land (rail and truck) and ocean transportation matters, we assist clients resolve disputes, meet state and federal compliance regulations for shippers, forwarders and carriers, and provide representation before the Federal Maritime Commission, the Surface Transportation Board, the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Federal District Courts and Courts of Appeals, state courts, and other governmental agencies with jurisdiction over international and domestic transportation-related activities. Our attorneys regularly counsel clients regarding the preparation of shipping documentation, the transportation of hazardous materials, the negotiation of transportation service contracts, and the favorable resolution of cargo loss and damage claims, surety bond claims, cargo release and delivery disputes, and governmental investigations. In addition, we have transit liability defense experience, having represented surety bond providers, insurance carriers, freight forwarders, ocean carriers and other transportation intermediaries in litigation concerning lost and damaged cargo, improper release, conversion, misdelivery, delay, missing cargo and errors and omissions.



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legal expertise

Counseling and litigation regarding intellectual property matters, including the procurement and administration of domestic and foreign trademarks and copyrights in numerous industries. Patents in the chemical, pharmaceutical, electrical, biotechnical, and mechanical fields, with emphasis on protection in the United Kingdom, Pacific Rim, Central and South America. Trade secrets, unfair competition, technology transfer and licensing, with special emphasis on trademark licenses.

representative matters

- Managed Ocean Spray's trademark portfolio worldwide for over 20 years.
- Represents a large number of United Kingdom-based clients from the entertainment, sports, food, clothing, machinery, animation, furniture and other industries.
- *IC Industries, Inc. v. I.C. Industries, Inc.* 595 F.Supp.340 (M.D.Fla. 1983) - Served as plaintiff co-counsel in successful trademark litigation.
- *Cooper Industries, Inc. v. Juno Lighting, Inc.* 2 USPQ2d 1779 (N.D.Ill. 1987) - Served as defendant co-counsel in successful patent infringement action, where trial judge held that the claims of the patent were invalid as the claimed device did not and could not function as claimed, and thus the defendant did not infringe the patent in suit.

honors & awards

- Southern California *Super Lawyers* (2004-2005)
- AV® Preeminent™ Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

practice areas

intellectual property
entertainment & ip
litigation
trademark prosecution
specialties
alcohol beverage industry
video gaming

admissions

California, 1992
Illinois, 1980
Numerous U.S. District Courts
U.S. Court of Appeals, 1983
Federal Circuit
Seventh Circuit
Ninth Circuit
Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office, 1980
U.S. Supreme Court, 1988

education

University of Chicago Law
School, J.D., 1980
Stanford University, B.S., 1977;
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professional, business and civic affiliations

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- Member Representative, MARQUES (The Association of European Trade Mark Owners)
- Member Representative, National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)
- Member, Association for Materials & Methods in Paleontology (AMMP)
- American Bar Association
- Institute of Directors (London)
- United States Delegation of the United Nations International Standards Committee for Hydrogen Energy
- Former member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Former member, Inter-American Bar Association



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legal expertise

Su's practice focuses on compliance whether dealing with Cybersecurity/Privacy or International Trade. She deals with regulatory, civil and criminal issues. Her clients come to her for assistance to solve current challenges, but also to identify and manage risk.

cybersecurity

A recent survey of in-house General Counsel surfaced the top 3 issues keeping them up at night . . . cybersecurity, cybersecurity, cybersecurity - to no one's surprise. With an increasingly threatened business atmosphere, companies must contend with challenges ranging from threats to breaches to communication of attacks to liability exposure, all the while making sure the company keeps operating its primary business functions as profitably as possible. While we finally have federal legislation on this critical topic and it is too early to tell what impact that law will have, the greatest movement continues to come at the state level and in the courts. Understanding the myriad implications to your organization is mind boggling. Having come to cybersecurity issues as early as 2002 when supply chain security programs were being rolled out in earnest, Su has been tracking the developing landscape since its infancy and regularly speaks at conferences and writes articles, making her among the foremost professionals on the topic. We have rapidly seen the barriers to threats dissipate. No one and no company remains safe. The scale, sophistication, and frequency of cyberattacks is outpacing the ability of companies to respond. Data security, notice to consumers, shareholder and class action lawsuits, insurance coverage, disclosure requirements to the SEC for public companies, government agency enforcement, cross-over issues to other regulatory matters, employment law considerations . . . the issues requiring attention are extensive and complicated, and Su works regularly with clients as they respond to the daily threats facing their organizations. The nature of this representation includes adding to the defense team any desired information technology and public relations experts, with the goal of the team to assist in assessing, minimizing and reacting to

practice areas

- regulatory
 - cybersecurity and privacy protection
 - international trade
 - homeland security & regulation
- corporate & business transactions
 - general corporate law
 - china practice
- intellectual property
 - entertainment & ip litigation

admissions

- California
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

education

- Southwestern Law School, J.D., 1977
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 1967



cybersecurity intrusions, including dealing with how best to interface with government investigators and disgruntled employees.

international trade

Represent domestic and foreign companies and entities, in both the administrative and commercial setting, regarding the importation and exportation of goods before U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Departments of Justice, Treasury, Commerce and State, Federal Maritime Commission, U.S. Trade Representative and International Trade Commission, as well as the Court of International Trade and various other federal and state courts and agencies which regulate the flow of goods, addressing issues such as corporate compliance programs (creation and maintenance); classification, valuation and admissibility of goods; export licensing determinations and compliance; voluntary disclosures; corporate governance and compliance, including internal investigations and crisis management; cargo security/C-TPAT/AEO; FDA compliance, qualification and labeling/advertising of goods; free trade agreements (e.g., TPP, NAFTA, CAFTA-DR, Chile -US FTA, AGOA, GSP, et al); regulatory audits; cargo claims (ocean, air, land and truck; misdeliveries; lien rights); intellectual property rights (trademarks, copyrights and patents; ITC exclusion orders); penalties, seizures and liquidated damages cases; antidumping and countervailing duties and related issues; country of origin marking; regulatory investigations (criminal and civil); international contracts; international litigation and alternative dispute resolution; Buy America/ Buy American; Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance and other anti-corruption/anti-bribery regimes.

representative matters

cybersecurity

- Assisted national client on system hacking where personal information about its employees and customers (located in multiple states) had been posted online, helping to address the breach and its consequences, including remedial activity.
- Assisted multinational client in massive data breach determining the scope of information which had been compromised, including whether personally identifiable information or attorney-client or work product privileged communications and documents had been exposed.
- Represented owner of a retail website that discovered its IT director had failed to encrypt individual and credit card payment data on the company's website, advising on the notice requirements in multiple jurisdictions and how to otherwise minimize exposure.
- Assisted client in breach of payroll and personnel services provider, advising on issues related to the protection of employee data and counseled the company regarding how to comply with the relevant notice requirements.
- Advised client when it was discovered that their Twitter account had been hacked and a defamatory post published.



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- Advised a prominent food company on a system breach, supporting the company's efforts to track down the source of the intrusion, stop the improper communications, determine whether any confidential or personally identifiable information had been made public, and shore up its systems and internal controls.

international trade

- Represented a non-US manufacturer of a product on which antidumping duty as high as 234.51% was imposed if made in China. The domestic industry sought to convince both the International Trade Commission and the International Trade Administration that China was the origin of the goods. By way of production records and extensive additional documentation, we were able to convince both the ITC and the ITA that the origin of the goods was not China and so millions of dollars in antidumping duty was avoided.
- Represented a client whose food product was accused of causing death to a consumer. Our representation included a crisis management team member who dealt with the press, and private investigators. We coordinated these efforts and dealt with the regulators, retail buyers and other supply chain partners (foreign and domestic), the FDA recall/notice process and other potentially serious challenges in this "bet the company" situation, which ultimately led to no recall and no civil or criminal action against the client.
- Advised a foreign food producer whose product was accused of causing significant illness to American consumers. Our representation included advice regarding potential regulatory and civil issues/risk.
- A client was presented with a collection of assets valued at nearly \$100 million which were to be brought to the U.S. on short notice and added to the inventory publicized for sale at a prominent annual auction. Through our assistance, the valuation of the individual pieces in the collection was promptly accepted at importation and the collection was imported timely, without incident and made it to the sale, all in less than 45 days.
- Counseled exporters and freight forwarders in the Secret Service/Dept. of Justice auto export investigation, including negotiating for the release of all of our clients' seized vehicles.
- Represented a performing rights organization ("PRO") to successfully obtain a license from the relevant U.S. trade sanctions agencies which authorized dealing with a PRO in the corresponding sanctioned country to allow the recovery of American royalties of performances in country.
- Assisted client whose funds were seized by the Dept. of Justice based on claims of money laundering to develop and implement a due diligence program designed to avoid similar future claims.
- Aided private label company to resist claims from Central American workers seeking payment for payroll and benefits claimed to be due when the factory at which they were working closed, leaving the workers owed compensation from the factory owners.
- Represented a client with operations in China and the U.S. against claims of corporate espionage and defamation. Coordinated the investigation and enforcement actions including working with Chinese investigators and counsel to find the source of the misdeeds and formulate the means to make it cease.

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- Represented the largest integrated shrimp operation in the world and several of its American buyers against claims by U.S. Customs and Border Protection that the imported goods were transshipped and so subject to antidumping duties, and successfully resolved the matter before the agency in a matter of months without the need for litigation; coordinated the political, diplomatic and commercial efforts brought to bear on the situation.
- Represented clients against claims by Chinese officials that cultural property - dinosaur eggs and other dinosaur geological artifacts - had been stolen, including both civil and criminal charges and allegations - all resolved without government trial or other enforcement action.
- Represented an arm of the military of an Asian country in a dispute with its U.S. freight forwarder who was holding arms and materiel needed to protect the country in a border war. The arms and materiel were released within a few days and without the need for litigation or any other form of court action.
- Represented a foreign-based client who was launching a product in the U.S. on a deadline when the FDA made claims about the impropriety of its product packaging and labeling. The matter was successfully resolved in two weeks and the product launch party was held as originally planned.
- Regularly represents clients throughout the world regarding international issues through her own relationships and through MSK's international law firm alliances on such topics as logistics/shipping contract negotiations, free trade agreement qualification/compliance, duty reduction analyses and transfer pricing.
- Represented multiple clients faced with claims by Customs and Border Protection that their goods were transshipped and so purportedly made in China and subject to significant antidumping duty assessments; in each case, the matter was resolved in the clients' favor; in many cases there were shipments arriving at multiple ports, each making different bond demands; every case included the organizing and presentation of factory production records, often from multiple sources, and negotiations at CBP Headquarters and the Ports of Entry.
- Represented companies of all sizes, public and private, regarding trademark, copyright and patent infringement relative to the importation and exportation of apparel, luggage, shoes, cosmetics, toys and electronic products.
- Coordinated debt work-out for creditor whose debtor-customer was proceeding via pre-bankruptcy debt resolution.
- Assisted national brand manufacturer of children's clothing to establish its website and be compliant with U.S. export restrictions.
- Assisted various companies of different sizes regarding first sale, buying agency and duty reduction/free trade agreement compliance.
- Advised several beauty product companies regarding FDA issues, including approved color, ingredient and packaging (box, insert and website) challenges.



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- Worked with garment companies to implement Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act compliance, including revisions to commercial agreements and qualified testing programs.
- Represented a seller of health supplements against a claim by the FDA that the packaging, labeling and website claims (of the company and a third party) were improper, and successfully resolved those claims in a matter of weeks.
- Conducted an audit of a client's export operations and ITAR compliance program, and negotiated the acceptance and approval of the results with the Dept. of State in the face of a disclosure of past violations.
- Conducted internal audits for clients of their import operations and coordinated transfer pricing issues reconciliation between the relevant tax and Customs regimes.
- Represent companies, public and private, regarding trademark, copyright and patent infringement issues and FDA and customs compliance relative to importations of apparel, footwear, beauty products, luggage, and other furnishings.
- Frequently work with clients to determine when and how to qualify their sourcing to take advantage of free trade agreement and/or Buy America/Buy American opportunities for increased duty savings and/or lowered cost of goods.
- Frequently work with clients who are under investigation by government agencies and are facing civil fines and/or criminal prosecution to coordinate the cases and reach favorable outcomes, often including misdemeanor pleas to threatened criminal charges.
- Counseled companies regarding their international contracts and internal controls so as to ensure compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, UK Bribery Act and other anti-corruption/anti-bribery regimes.

honors & awards

- Honoree, 2016 Judicial Edition Award, Martindale-Hubbell
- "Leading International Trade Lawyers Nationwide," *Chambers USA* (2016)
- "Who's Who Legal: Trade & Customs 2015," *Who's Who Legal* (2015)
- "Leading International Trade Lawyers Nationwide," *Chambers USA* (2014)
- "Outstanding Woman in International Trade of 2013," *Women in International Trade-LA* (WIT-LA)
- "Leading International Trade Lawyers in California," *Chambers USA* (2012, 2013)
- "The International Who's Who of Trade & Customs Lawyers," *Who's Who Legal* (2009-2011, 2013, 2014)
- AV® Preeminent™ Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

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- Industry Leadership Council, American Associations of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)
- Advisory Board Member, California Fashion Association
- Advisory Board, International Trade Compliance Institute (ITCI)
- Director-at-Large and Legislative Advisor, Foreign Trade Association of Southern California
- American Bar Association, International Law Section, Steering Committees for Customs Law and Export Controls and Economic Sanctions Committees, former Co-Chair, National Security Committee, former Vice-Chair Customs Law Committee.
- Women in International Trade, Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters
- Past Chair and Past Vice Chair, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Customs Law Committee
- Former member of Sub-Committee, Homeland Security's Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs & Border Protection dealing with the Container Security Initiative and C-TPAT
- Former member, U.S. Treasury Department's COAC Sub-Committee on Border Security
- Former member, the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes and Customs, and U.S. NAFTA Advisory Committee
- Former member of Sub-Committee formed by Homeland Security's Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs & Border Protection addressing 10 + 2/Importer Security Filing issues