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PRACTICES

- International Commerce

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., magna cum laude, 1992
- Oregon State University, M.S., 1987
- University of Evansville, B.A., 1979

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- US Ct Appeals, Federal Circuit
- US Ct of Federal Claims

Jim advises domestic and international clients on trade compliance and enforcement, including the economic and trade sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). He also counsels clients regarding matters before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

Jim represents clients in a wide array of industries, including aerospace, biomedicine, defense, financial services, insurance, Internet services, manufacturing, semiconductor and telecommunications. With more than 25 years of experience, Jim has conducted internal investigations for numerous clients in international trade and other matters--such as antitrust and securities--both domestically and abroad, including Europe, the Middle East, Japan, the People's Republic of China and Malaysia.

Prior to entering private practice, Jim was a Judge Advocate with the U.S. Air Force. During his military career, he became an accomplished trial lawyer, serving as the Air Force's Chief Trial Counsel in Asia and later as a Federal Court Trial Attorney for the Air Force's Commercial Litigation Division. He reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves following 16 years on active duty. After leaving active duty in 2000, Jim spent more than ten years at the DC office of a global law firm where he advised clients on international trade compliance and enforcement matters. He also argued motions before federal and state courts and prevailed on appeal before two state supreme courts.

Presentations

- "Navigating the Russian and Ukrainian Sanctions Maze: Complying Effectively Amid Uncertainty"; May 29, 2014
- "Understanding ITAR Agreements"; ITAR Boot Camp

- "ITAR Jurisdiction: Issues and Strategies"; ITAR Boot Camp
- "Correlations Between FCPA and ITAR Parts 129 & 130"; Society for International Affairs' Advanced Conference, November 2011
- "U.S. National Security Issues affecting Maritime-related M&A: U.S. Sanctions Concerns"; Marine Money Ship Finance Forum, November 2011
- Panelist, "Understanding OFAC Issues in 2012"; The Knowledge Congress Webcast
- Panelist, "FCPA and Third-Party Due Diligence"; Strafford Seminar, January 2012

Publications

- "Checklists of Foreign Countries Subject to Sanctions"; updated March 2017
- Co-Author, "Trade Compliance Handbook"; updated March 2017
- "International Trade Compliance: 6 Basic Products Questions A Company Should Answer"; *Corporate Compliance Insights*, October 2011