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Justin focuses on helping clients navigate reviews by the committee on foreign investment in the United States (“CFIUS”) an interagency committee that evaluates cross-border mergers, acquisitions, and certain investments transactions for potential national security concerns.

Justin is a Partner in the firm’s Washington, D.C. and Salt Lake City offices. Prior to entering private practice, Justin served as a Deputy Director in the United States Department of the Treasury office responsible for chairing CFIUS. Justin led the review of hundreds of CFIUS filings and conducted in-depth national security analyses on transactions across a wide range of industries, including biotech, agriculture, technology, telecommunication, real estate, and energy. Justin also engaged in extensive inter-agency communications and consensus building with the eight other agencies on the CFIUS committee. Prior to his Treasury role, Justin held senior positions with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

After serving in the federal government for over a decade, Justin entered the private law practice and has advised domestic and international clients on CFIUS regulations and their impact on hundreds of high-profile cross-border corporate transactions. He is recognized as a leading attorney for CFIUS by Chambers Global and by Chambers USA.

Education

- George Mason University (J.D., 2005)
- Utah State University (B.S., Economics, 2001)
  - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Utah

Select Experience

Buy Side Representations

- Represented a Saudi Arabian Government entity in review and investigation of its investment in a mining company with a U.S. business with significant sales ultimately destined for the Defense Department.
- Represented a German buyer in connection with its acquisition of a U.S. oil and gas technology company.

- Represented a European technology company in connection with multiple investments in U.S. companies to determine the applicability of CFIUS's mandatory notification requirements.
- Represented several China-based companies in transaction-based CFIUS analysis for their investments in the United States.

Accolades

- *Chambers Global,* International Trade: CFIUS Experts, USA, 2023-2026
- *Chambers USA,* International Trade: CFIUS Experts, National, 2022-2026
- Department of the Treasury, Secretary's Honor Award, 2018
- National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction Award, 2013

Insights

June 4, 2026

Proposed New Section 301 Tariffs and Other Trade-Related Developments

May 8, 2026

U.S. Court of International Trade Holds Section 122 Tariffs Unlawful – Enjoins Tariff Collection and Orders Refunds for Plaintiff-Importers

March 13, 2026

Opportunity to Comment on Foreign Trade Practices with New Tariffs Looming Under Section 301

February 20, 2026

U.S. Supreme Court Strikes Down Trump Emergency Tariff Actions

January 5, 2026

USDA Seeks Input to Update the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978

November 6, 2025

Trump Decreases Tariffs on Chinese Goods, Increases Tariffs on Canadian Goods, and Announces a Flurry of Trade Arrangements

October 30, 2025

Trump Escalates Sanctions Against Russia

October 2, 2025

Commerce Extends U.S. Export Control Restrictions to Affiliates of Parties on the Entity List

September 16, 2025

U.S. Supreme Court to Consider IEEPA Tariffs on Expedited Basis

August 4, 2025
Trump Increases Tariffs on Dozens of Countries

May 29, 2025
Federal Court Strikes Down Trump's Border Emergency and Global Tariffs

May 14, 2025
U.S. Agrees to Lower Tariffs on Imports from China and United Kingdom; Trump Administration Launches New Investigation Into Aircraft and Aircraft Parts

April 25, 2025
Trump Administration Modifies Tariff Actions under National Security Powers

April 14, 2025
DOJ Limits Enforcement During First 90 Days of US-China Data Export Rules

April 4, 2025
President Trump Applies 10% Tariff on All Imports, With Higher Reciprocal Tariff Rates for Imports from Many Countries