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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY – Skilled international lawyer with over twenty years of experience of providing strategic advice and legal guidance on complex international trade and administrative regulatory matters to US and foreign companies, trade associations, and foreign governments. I have advised companies in a broad range of industries on international trade remedy and trade policy issues and helped develop arguments to advance their interests, manage risk, and create competitive opportunities in the US and global markets.

EXPERIENCE

HARRIS MOURE, Seattle, WA

International Trade Attorney

August 2016 - present

I am developing an international trade practice, with particular focus on China-related matters.

My experience in trade cases (AD/CVD, intellectual property disputes, safeguards) involved a broad range of products exported from a wide variety of countries and industries, including steel, auto parts, chemicals, energy, consumer goods, food, chemicals, etc. In each case, regardless of whether the client was a large multinational corporation or a small family owned company, my actions included:

- Quickly and comprehensively learning about the clients' operations and supply chains (procurement, production, sales, distribution), the subject merchandise, and industry market dynamics;
- Communicating effectively and efficiently not only with clients' top management but also with all operational units to explain DOC and ITC requirements and to gather responsive information;
- Evaluating strategic options and developing the clients' best factual and legal positions in light of the relevant policy and case law;
- Leading and managing teams to organize large volumes of data and legal research to deliver key factual and legal responses; and
- Effectively advocating on behalf of the client through briefs and hearing presentations.

Beyond achieving significant DOC and ITC results that improve our clients' competitive position, I help clients understand complex and dynamic trade issues so that they can make well-informed business decisions. I timely report case status updates and manage client expectations on possible case outcomes. I provide on-going strategic advisory guidance on how clients could comply with trade laws and regulations and manage risks associated with evolving trade issues.

I often work on multiple cases simultaneously, usually with tight deadlines and tighter legal budgets. I enjoy problem-solving in trade cases with a good team under high pressure where the results will make a meaningful impact for the client. I enjoy helping clients learn how international trade law and policy issues can transform a difficult problem into a unique business opportunity with the right perspective and actions.

WHITE & CASE, Washington, D.C.

Counsel

December 2004 – August 2016

Associate

July 1995 – December 2004

I helped build the reputation of one of the leading international trade groups worldwide primarily through my work and achievements in trade remedy proceedings. I worked on more than a hundred antidumping (AD), countervailing duty (CVD) cases before the US Department of Commerce (DOC) and US International Trade Commission (ITC) and other foreign jurisdictions, many of which involved Chinese goods or companies. I provided practical and tactical advice to help clients navigate complex trade issues and develop strategies to improve their competitive position.

I served as lead counsel in more than a hundred complex AD/CVD cases involving a broad range of products exported from a wide variety of countries - primarily China, as well as Taiwan, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Saudi Arabia. In many cases, I helped companies obtain zero or the lowest dumping margins or successfully blocked the imposition of AD/CVD duties by successfully arguing that subject imports were not a cause of injury to the domestic industry. Represented a variety of industries, including:

- Auto parts – brake rotors/drums, windshields, steel wheels, wheel hubs and tapered roller bearings
- Food products – frozen crawfish, shrimp, canned mushrooms, canned pineapples, garlic, honey
- Chemicals – persulfates, barium carbonate, citric acid
- Energy – crystalline silicon photovoltaic products (solar cells/ modules), uranium, crude petroleum oil
- Consumer goods – wooden bedroom furniture, plastic bags, color photo paper, paint brushes
- Steel and steel products – stainless steel plate/ sheet, steel wire rope, steel nails, wire hangers,

I led a team that delivered key factual and legal responses in DOC and ITC investigations. I evaluated how best to present comprehensive sales, cost and accounting databases to demonstrate that the clients' subject imports were not sold at unfair prices or injuring the domestic industry, as defined by US trade laws and regulations. Tight deadlines required quick and comprehensive understanding of the clients' operations, the subject merchandise, and industry market dynamics in order to build the clients' best case in light of the relevant policy and case law.

I successfully challenged numerous DOC and ITC determinations in appeals to the US Court of International Trade, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the US Supreme Court, many of which have resulted in widely cited court precedent.

I contributed timely reports on latest developments in international trade policy issues related to new legislative and regulatory initiatives, free trade agreement negotiations, and other regional and industry developments.

In US Customs matters, I advised US importers and their suppliers on tariff classification, country of origin determinations, penalty defense litigation, preferential duty programs, and antidumping circumvention inquiries and have helped clients to achieve significant cost savings and to eliminate or significantly reduce the vulnerability to penalties or increased duties.

In the area of export controls, I advised clients on country-specific trade sanctions, trade embargoes under U.S. and international sanctions laws and regulations and have worked on export screening and compliance plans for major corporations.

I represented investors and governments in international investor-state arbitrations brought under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties. I advised companies, trade associations, and governments on U.S. and international rules on trade and investment.

WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER, Washington, D.C.

Associate

September 1994 - June 1995

Summer Associate

Summer 1992

I researched and wrote in-depth legal memoranda analyzing international trade issues arising from U.S. antidumping, countervailing duties, customs proceedings.

U.S. COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, New York, NY

Clerk - Judge Richard W. Goldberg

September 1993 - September 1994

I prepared bench briefs, drafted opinions for U.S. CIT cases involving antidumping and customs matters. I prepared bench briefs for U.S. District Court cases involving contract and immigration issues.

PUBLICATIONS

CIT 2013: A Review of Appeals from the International Trade Commission, 46 Georgetown Journal of International Law 125 (2014).

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 1993

Honors:

Journal of International Law and Politics - Senior Symposium Editor

Activities:

Student Bar Association - President

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA

A.B., cum laude, June 1989

Concentrations: East Asian Languages & Civilizations, Sociology

BAR ADMISSION New York
Washington, D.C.
US Supreme Court, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, US Court of
International Trade

LANGUAGES Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese (oral proficiency)