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OVERVIEW

Brian Hopkins is an associate and a member of the Policy and Regulatory practice area, where he supports both the Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation practice group, as well as the Public Policy and Law practice group.

Brian's international trade experience includes assisting clients on various trade and national security issues such as foreign investment, export controls, and sanctions compliance. Brian has represented clients in complex matters involving the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and regularly advises clients on filing declarations and notices before that agency. Brian also advises clients on issues relating to export control laws of the United States, in particular the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) administered by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) administered by the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). Brian also supports clients on a wide range of issues involving sanctions regulations administered by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Controls (OFAC).

Brian's policy experience includes a variety of maritime and trade issues. He regularly advises clients on various statutes and regulations that govern maritime activity in the United States such as cabotage laws and Customs and Border Protection rulemakings. Brian also advises clients on the impacts of trade agreements between the United States and foreign countries and other policy developments involving trade issues.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm and while in law school, Brian served as a summer associate with K&L Gates. He also served as a law clerk at the US Department of Commerce, where he researched laws and regulations of foreign countries relating to ensuring proper national security controls for hardware and other components of critical infrastructure. Prior to attending law school, Brian worked at a major think tank in Washington, D.C., where he supported two teams. The first team convened large-scale, off the record gatherings of national security experts who previously served at senior levels in the US Government. Brian also supported a second team that developed nonpartisan educational programming for Members of Congress and their staff on a wide variety of U.S. policy issues, principally relating to foreign policy. Brian also previously served as an associate at a consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., area that principally supported clients in the government contracts space.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2022
- B.A., Duke University, 2016

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 21 March 2024, President Biden Issues Executive Order Restricting Bulk Transfers of Sensitive Personal and US Government-Related Data
- 15 March 2024, Biden Administration Takes Actions to Bolster Maritime Cybersecurity in the US Maritime Domain
- 15 December 2023, US Government Highlights Sanctions and Export Control Obligations to Improve Compliance and Prevent Evasion
- 3 November 2023, President Biden Issues Wide-Ranging Executive Order on Artificial Intelligence
- 27 October 2023, US Government Revises Comprehensive Export Controls on Semiconductors and Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment
- 19 October 2023, United States Eases Sanctions on Venezuela
- 19 September 2023, Congress to Increase Funds for Artificial Intelligence Capabilities in Fiscal Year 2024
- 5 September 2023, FY24 National Defense Authorization Act Provisions Aim to Increase Artificial Intelligence Research, Development, and Contracting Opportunities
- 15 August 2023, United States Imposes Unprecedented Outbound Investment Controls Focused on China
- 19 May 2023, Secure Software Regulations and Self-Attestation Required for Federal Contractors
- 2 May 2023, US Government to Penalize Failures to Disclose Possible Export Control Violations and Incentivize Reporting of Others' Violations

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Biden Administration takes action to bolster maritime cybersecurity in the US maritime domain," *Safety4Sea*, 20 March 2024
- "US Government Revises Comprehensive Export Controls on Semiconductors and Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment," *The Global Trade Law Journal*, March-April 2024

- “Congress to increase funds for artificial intelligence capabilities in fiscal year 2024,” *Thomson Reuters Westlaw Today*, 25 September 2023
- “Secure Software Regulations and Self-Attestation Required for Federal Contractors,” *Pratt’s Government Contracting Law Report*, September 2023
- “How Proposed BOEM Regs Will Boost Offshore Wind Projects,” *Law360*, 1 February 2023

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- International Trade: CFIUS, Sanctions, and Export Controls
- Maritime
- Maritime Regulatory
- U.S. National Security Law and Policy

INDUSTRIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Technology