

Nate Bolin

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Nate Bolin has significant experience advising clients in compliance, transactional, litigation, policy and regulatory matters involving U.S. national security and international trade laws. Before entering private practice in 2004, Nate was an International Trade Specialist at the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, working on trade negotiations and trade agreement enforcement and compliance. Prior to joining Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Nate spent over 13 years working directly with the current U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, on various trade issues.

In the area of trade policy, Nate has been actively advising clients on the NAFTA renegotiations, the Section 301 investigation of China's technology transfer policies, and the Section 232 actions against imports of steel and aluminum. Nate also frequently represents clients in trade cases before the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. International Trade Commission, Court of International Trade, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In the area of U.S. national security laws and economic sanctions, Nate regularly counsels clients concerning the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) process and the Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions on Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, and the Crimea region, as well as the Sectoral Sanctions on certain areas of the Russian economy and listed Russian entities. In the area of export controls, owing to his extensive experience in export control and ITAR matters, Nate has twice been appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs to serve on the U.S. State Department's Defense Trade Advisory Group, most recently for the 2018-2020 term.

Nate frequently writes and speaks to international audiences on current issues related to U.S. trade laws, export controls, economic sanctions, and trade and national security policy. He also teaches LL.M. students in the International and Comparative Law program at George Washington University Law School, where he has been a visiting scholar researching issues of international trade law.

Nate spent several years working and studying in Japan, including as a student at Waseda University in Tokyo and a program officer with the U.S.-Japan Foundation, and is fluent in Japanese.