

SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Brooks Allen is partner and lead coordinator of the international trade practice for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. He focuses his practice on reviews by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and international trade issues including trade policy, customs, trade remedy, and export control issues.

Within CFIUS, Allen has served as lead counsel for the United States Trade Representative and participated in deliberations and decision-making in hundreds of cases. He also represented USTR in drafting regulations implementing the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018, which transformed CFIUS's procedures and mandate. Allen has been recognized by the Legal 500 as a key lawyer focusing on CFIUS and international trade issues.

He helps clients navigate supply chain challenges, focusing on the potential impact of tariffs, export controls, customs requirements, and rules to eradicate forced labor in supply chains. He also helps clients assess and develop compliance policies and infrastructure.

Allen advises on the interpretation and application of the Export Administration Regulations and International Traffic in Arms Regulations. He also advises on the application of various "Buy American" domestic content requirements and related government contracts issues.

Allen advises companies on how international trade and investment agreements impact their businesses and helps them leverage opportunities presented by these agreements. He also helps companies identify market access barriers — including tariff and nontariff barriers — and develops strategies to overcome them.

He has gained extensive experience in international dispute resolution, representing governments and stakeholders in disputes before the World Trade Organization and acting as counsel for clients in complex, high-stakes international arbitration matters.

Allen previously served as assistant general counsel for the USTR, where he helped develop written submissions on behalf of the U.S. government in investment treaty disputes. He is one of the few practitioners experienced in both negotiating investment

treaty provisions and acting as counsel in disputes arising under such treaties. Allen helped advise and prepare “amicus curiae” briefs on behalf of the U.S. in cases arising out of these statutes and counseled on cases involving the interpretation of U.S. treaties and international law before the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. courts of appeals. He practiced with other prominent law firms, including a firm in Geneva, Switzerland, for seven years.

He has represented clients in the enforcement of arbitral awards and execution and attachments proceedings in Swiss and U.S. courts. Allen has litigated disputes in U.S. courts involving the Alien Tort Claims Act, Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and Federal Arbitration Act, and in complex, multijurisdictional litigation matters.