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Richard Newcomb has considerable international experience dealing with target governments, front-line states, like-minded allies, multilateral organizations (the United Nations, the European Union and others), financial and business communities worldwide, and others who are responsible for compliance with asset controls and economic sanctions and embargo programs.

Richard is adept at handling regulatory procedures relating to international transactions, including navigating the requirements of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), the Bank Secrecy Act (and anti-money laundering laws), Export Administration Act, Anti-Boycott compliance, US Customs law and the relevant portions of the Patriot Act.

- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- International Trade
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

- Insurance

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Ohio

Prior Experience

Richard joined DLA Piper after chairing the International group at another large law firm.

From 1987 to 2004, Richard served as director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department. Throughout his tenure, Richard oversaw the administration and enforcement of 39 economic sanctions programs in furtherance of US foreign policy and national security goals. His leadership guided the agency through many of the major foreign policy challenges the nation has experienced in the past two decades, from the advent of multilateral sanctions against Iraq in 1990—coupled with a protective blocking of US \$50 billion in Kuwaiti assets—to the transformation of the agency after the attacks of September 11, 2001, to track and disrupt terrorist organizations and their financing networks.

In his time at OFAC, Richard was responsible for implementing economic sanctions and asset controls against Burma, Cuba, Iran, Liberia, Libya, Sudan, Zimbabwe, narcotics traffickers in Colombia and narcotics kingpins and their networks operating worldwide, as well as for maintaining the prohibition against financial transactions with Syria. Other economic sanctions that he implemented and saw through to completion included programs targeting the Taliban, North Korea, Serbia, Angola, Haiti, South Africa, Panama, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Throughout his time at OFAC, the agency played a significant role within the domestic and the international communities, confirming that economic sanctions can be an effective tool of international diplomacy. The strategies developed under his leadership and supervision for implementing sanctions and targeting terrorists are among the principal tools used today to wage the war on terrorism and terrorist financing.

Prior to his assignment with OFAC, Richard held a number of other positions in the Treasury Department, including director of the Office of Trade and Tariff Affairs and deputy to the assistant secretary (Regulatory, Trade and Tariff Affairs), where he was the principal advisor to the assistant secretary for enforcement on customs, international trade, commercial and regulatory matters.

Recognitions

- President Reagan's Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award
- President Clinton's Presidential Rank Distinguished Executive Award
- President George H. W. Bush's Presidential Rank Distinguished Executive Award
- The Treasury Medal, United States Department of the Treasury
- Department of the Treasury Management Excellence Award
- Outstanding International Law Office Award, American Bar Association Section of International Law
- Superior Public Service Award, US Department of the Navy
- Listed in *Chambers USA*: Nationwide International Trade
- Listed in *Chambers Global* for USA International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the area of International Trade and Finance Law (2008 – present)
- Albert Gallatin Award

Chambers USA has repeatedly recognized Richard for "his praiseworthy expertise in economic sanctions matters. As former director of OFAC, he brings a wealth of experience to his private practice. Clients see this as a major draw, asserting 'when Newcomb is on your team, government attorneys take you seriously—he has a tremendous amount of credibility.'" Clients have described him as "an in-house counsel's dream," "an esteemed expert, very responsive and highly practical." Richard "is a highly regarded 'subject matter expert' in sanctions work." He has also been recognized in *Chambers Global*, which has stated that "the 'superlative' Richard Newcomb"... "is proficient in handling a wide range of trade issues, and is best known for his expertise in export regulations and economic sanctions."

Education

- J.D., Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- B.A., Kenyon College

Courts

- Court of International Trade

Memberships

- District of Columbia Bar Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

New wave of US sanctions on Russia targets services, broadcasting, banking, and US exports

16 May 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

The US government continues to announce new measures.

Latest sanctions block Russia's largest banks, cyber actors and more; Biden's executive order prohibits investments in Russia by US persons

8 April 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

Two of Russia's largest banks, Sberbank and Alfa-Bank, which had previously been subject to narrower restrictions, have now been blocked.

New wave of US sanctions targets Russian Duma, additional elites, defense entities; BIS extends export controls to more than 100 Russian aircraft

29 March 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

The latest sanctions affect all members of the Duma, Russian elites, bank executives and board members, and Russian defense firms, and BIS has extended export controls to certain Russian aircraft.

US lifts Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum from the UK effective June 1, 2022

28 March 2022

The US-UK agreement includes novel requirements that deserve special attention.

US announces new trade restrictions against Russia as well as a new round of sanctions against Russian political elites

16 March 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

Many of the newly announced measures will require Congressional action.

US sanctions Russian energy sector while allowing various energy-related activities to continue

9 March 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

Today's actions further restrict commercial activity and increase risks of sanctions violations by well-intentioned companies.

Global Sanctions Update

8 March 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

Our International Trade team have summarised the latest developments in global sanctions and how to navigate the implications on your business.

US continues to escalate sanctions against Russia and Belarus

4 March 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

White House announces new sanctions while putting in place extensive new export control measures against Russia and Belarus; DOJ announces Task Force KleptoCapture; OFAC closes some loopholes.

Ukraine crisis: updates to UK, EU and US sanctions in the second 'phase' of the international response

1 March 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

As at 6pm GMT on Monday, 28 February 2022, and in addition to those measures outlined in the 'first phase' of the international community's response to the situation in Ukraine, the UK, EU and US has announced the following sanctions measures

US escalates its sanctions regime against Russia, targeting its financial system

28 February 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

And additional measures are expected to be announced by the US and its allies in the coming days

US imposes further sanctions and export controls against Russia

25 February 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

The White House emphasized that these newly announced sanctions and export controls will be complemented with similar measures imposed by US allies and partners.

New US sanctions in response to Russia's actions against Ukraine

23 February 2022

Global Sanctions Alert

Additional sanctions are expected that will target Russia's financial, technology, and defense sectors.

US lifts Section 232 tariffs on steel from Japan, effective April 1, 2022

10 February 2022

Beginning April 1, 2022, steel from Japan will be subject to a tariff-rate quota (TRQ), allowing a yearly set volume to enter the US tariff-free.

Treasury releases 2021 Sanctions Review: Its key recommendations and their implications for the private sector

28 October 2021
Global Sanctions Alert

The Report puts into perspective recent Biden Administration sanctions while helping to forecast what will come.

US Trade Representative seeks comments on possible reinstatements of previously extended exclusions to Section 301 tariffs

6 October 2021

Interested parties should consider submitting comments in support or opposition to any possible reinstatement.

US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia

16 April 2021

Global Sanctions Alert

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

United States imposes significant new export controls and sanctions on Russia and China

23 March 2021

Reflecting a further hardening of US foreign policy and national security policy positions with those two countries.

Antidumping and countervailing duty petition against imports of certain Chinese mobile access equipment and subassemblies: Consequences for exporters and US importers

16 March 2021

Foreign producers, exporters and importers may consider having a strategy for addressing AD and CVD investigations, including possible participation.

New Section 301 investigations into digital services taxes involving multiple countries

29 June 2020

The US Trade Representative will investigate whether these DSTs discriminate against or place an unreasonable burden upon or restrict US commerce.
