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Leah advises US and foreign corporations, associations, and governments on a variety of international trade and customs matters, including trade remedies and import compliance.



Practices

International Trade & Investment
— Customs & Import Compliance
— Export Controls & Economic Sanctions
— International Trade Litigation
Government Relations

International

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Education

American University, Washington College of Law, JD, 2014

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Leah's practice focuses on trade policy issues, such as the Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum, the Section 301 tariffs on imports from China and the EU, and the negotiation of trade agreements. She also counsels clients on global trade strategies and export compliance.

Leah works with clients in diverse sectors, including the automotive, manufacturing, construction, and food and beverage industries. She advises on a wide-range of matters impacting production, supply chain, and product sourcing options.

Client Work

- Represent clients in antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings before the US International Trade Commission, US Department of Commerce, US Court of International Trade, and US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, as well as dispute settlement panels before the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- Provide guidance on trade policy issues involving duties, quotas, and other special import restrictions, including Section 232 and Section 301 duties, and the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).
- Assist clients by tracking and analyzing high-impact legislative developments in the international trade sector and advocating before Congress and the Office of the US Trade Representative in priority areas.
- Advise companies on their import compliance, including identifying risks, developing risk management strategies, and optimizing supply chain structures to remain compliant with US Customs and Border Protection requirements.

Previous Work

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Leah was an associate at a specialized international trade firm in

Washington, DC where she focused on antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and administrative reviews. Leah also advised clients on import and export compliance and global trade strategies.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Leah's publications include:

- "BIS Proposes Changes to Section 232 Exclusion Process," *The Global Trade Law Journal (Volume 1, Number 1),* January - February 2024

Leah's presentations include:

- "Tariffs and Your Business: The Latest," *Specialty Food Association Webinar,* April 3, 2025
- "US-Canada Trade: Legal Insights from Our Washington, D.C. Experts," *Canadian Institute of Steel Construction Webinar,* January 21, 2025
- "Washington Takes Aim at Global Steel: The Nexus of Geopolitics and US Trade Policy," *The Canadian Steel Conference 2024,* November 13, 2024

Professional Activities

Leah serves as Co-Chair of the Meetings & Special Events Committee for the Customs and International Trade Bar Association (CITBA). She is an active member of the American Bar Association's International Law Section, as well as the Association of Women in International Trade, CITBA's Young Lawyers Committee, and the Federal Circuit Bar Association.

Life Beyond the Law

Leah enjoys traveling and outdoor activities, especially skiing and hiking.

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

Court Admissions

US Court of International Trade

US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit