

ADAM BUTSCHEK

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OVERVIEW

Global trade attorney with government and private sector experience seeking an in-house compliance counsel role. Strong interest in national security and international trade issues, including adaptation and localization of best practices. Expertise includes export controls and sanctions compliance, civil and criminal investigations, cross-border transactions, cybersecurity, e-discovery, and legal research and writing. U.S. person with active security clearance, managerial experience, and extensive history of living and working abroad; eligible for E.U. citizenship.

WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, DC Jul 2015 – Current
Compliance Specialist in the Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (DTCC)

- Successfully completed over 200 investigations into violations of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; worked with the Department of Commerce on violations of Export Administration Regulations and Department of the Treasury on Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions issues.
- U.S. export control policy expert; lead drafter on proposed Arms Export Control Act amendment, new ITAR regulations, and related legal analysis of cybersecurity vulnerabilities in U.S. export controls.
- Creating official DTCC compliance program guidelines, including risk assessment, training, and recordkeeping guidance; compliance manual templates; and auditing best practices, to advise industry in designing effective export control programs.
- Devised and implemented DTCC's landmark new rescission policy, allowing a statutorily debarred company to engage in defense trade without full reinstatement of export privileges.
- Responded to public advisory opinion requests by authoring formal regulatory guidance.
- Introduced comprehensive system for handling civil and criminal investigation referrals and integrated it with DTCC case management systems, leading to closer collaboration with law enforcement and 300% increase in referrals and investigations.
- Presented before foreign officials and private industry ranging in audience sizes of 20 to over 200 in the United States and abroad.
- Screen for sanctioned or otherwise restricted parties on dozens of licenses each week.
- Collaborate on jurisdiction and classification determinations of defense-related technology.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Washington, DC Aug 2020 – Current
Professor of Scholarly Writing and Journal Adjunct to the International Law Review

- Teach advanced international law research and writing strategies to second-year students, aimed at producing scholarship for publication in academic journals.

BRUCE FEIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., Washington, DC Jan 2012 – Jul 2015
Of Counsel

- Provided legal advice to Sri Lankan families in litigation over violations of the Torture Victim Protection Act by the President of Sri Lanka; wrote district court and appellate briefs analyzing Head of State immunity under U.S. and international law.
- Collaborated with potential stakeholders in a class action lawsuit against the National Security Agency over its bulk collection of records pursuant to the PATRIOT Act.
- Drafted litigation documents and deposed witnesses in lawsuits over due process violations in suspension of professional licenses and pension benefits improperly paid to a fraudulent trust.

CAUSE OF ACTION, Washington, DC

May 2012 – Jan 2014

Counsel/Deputy Director of Investigations and Research

- Managed a team of lawyers and non-lawyers in government waste, fraud, and ethics investigations; work was covered by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and others.
- Developed innovative investigative techniques using FOIA and state open records laws to expose Hatch Act violations at the Federal Aviation Administration, leading to an OSC investigation.
- Investigated unethical use of agency funds and destruction of records at the Department of Homeland Security, resulting in the resignation of the Deputy Inspector General.
- Drafted amicus brief in litigation challenging CFIUS denial of Chinese purchase of a U.S. wind farm.
- Devised document management system and recordkeeping procedures for the organization; met with software vendors, created document classification and marking procedures, and trained staff in use.

EPSTEIN, BECKER & GREEN, P.C., Washington, DC

Mar 2011 – Jan 2012

Contract Attorney in the Health Care and Life Sciences section

- Provided legal advice and e-discovery for the healthcare industry in federal litigation matters; drafted motion to dismiss and other litigation documents.

BRACEWELL LLP, Houston, TX

Sep 2007 – Feb 2009

Associate Attorney in the Energy, Finance, Infrastructure, and Real Estate section

- Advised on international transactions and negotiated and drafted a wide range of commercial contracts and other legal documents for corporate financings and mergers and acquisitions in the energy sector.

OH-EBASHI LPC & PARTNERS, Osaka, Japan

May – Jul 2005

Summer Associate in the Resident Foreign Legal Consultants section

- Provided legal advice to Japanese clients in product liability and copyright infringement litigation.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC

May 2007

J.D./LL.M. in International and Comparative Law

- Member of the Wrongful Convictions Clinic and Refugee Asylum Support Project.
 - BOND UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW, Gold Coast, Australia
 - UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, Hong Kong, China

Fall 2006

Summer 2005

POMONA COLLEGE, Claremont, CA

May 2003

B.A. in Political Science, Law and European Politics concentration

- Sophomore Sponsor/Mentor in the International Dorm and President of the Texas Club.
 - COLLEGIUM HIERONYMI PRAGENSIS, Prague, Czech Republic

Spring 2002

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Memberships:

U.S.: Texas and District of Columbia

U.K.: Solicitor of England and Wales.

Languages: Basic knowledge of Spanish and German. Familiarity with Czech.

Publications: *The Founding Fathers and the Fourth Amendment's Historic Protections Against Government Surveillance: A Historic Analysis of the Fourth Amendment's Reasonable Expectations of Privacy Standards as It Relates to the NSA's Surveillance Activities*, THE RUTHERFORD INSTITUTE, May 2014.