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Export Controls and Sanctions
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Education

Columbia Law School, JD 1993,
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PERRY BECHKY has 25 years of experience as an international lawyer. Mr. Bechky has represented clients from more than thirty countries on five continents.

Mr. Bechky began his career at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where he worked for the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) (the agency responsible for administering the major U.S. economic sanctions programs), the Customs Service, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. Before joining Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP, Mr. Bechky also practiced for over thirteen years at two global law firms, taught for five years at two universities, and ran his own boutique law firm for three years.

Mr. Bechky has managed significant international projects before federal courts, federal regulators, and international tribunals. His projects have included cross-border litigation and arbitration, internal investigations, international negotiations, management of legal and political risks, national security reviews of corporate deals, expropriation claims under political-risk-insurance policies, regulatory proceedings, and dispute settlement under international trade agreements. His clients have included national governments, international organizations, individuals and small businesses, and leading businesses in agriculture, banking and finance, energy, manufacturing, services, and technology.

Mr. Bechky has handled all aspects of economic sanctions, including civil penalty proceedings, compliance, counseling, expert testimony, internal investigations, interpretative rulings, licensing, and securities disclosure. His experience with sanctions extends beyond OFAC regulations to include such statutes as the Helms-Burton Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, and the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act, as well as international measures like UN Security Council resolutions and foreign "blocking statutes."

Mr. Bechky has also handled a variety of other regulatory issues affecting international business, including national security reviews of transnational mergers and acquisitions by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) under the Exon-Florio Amendment and the Foreign Investment and National Security Act (FINSIA), export controls maintained by the Departments of Commerce and State (EAR and ITAR), and trade policy.

Mr. Bechky also has extensive experience representing clients in disputes concerning international law, including international investment law, international trade agreements, and sovereign immunity. He lived in Tokyo for six months, working intensively with the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) on World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement.

Mr. Bechky drafted the U.S.-Hong Kong Policy Act (22 U.S.C. § 5701), which establishes the legal basis for U.S. relations with Hong Kong in light of its special status as a "special administrative region" of China. He writes and lectures about economic sanctions, human rights, international arbitration, international investment, international law, international litigation, international trade, political risk insurance, and treaties.