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David Ross chairs WilmerHale's International Trade, Investment and Market Access Practice. Drawing on his experience at the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) and on Capitol Hill, Mr. Ross advises companies on the use of domestic and international trade rules to eliminate regulatory barriers and other impediments to their businesses and investments around the world, with a particular focus on the technology, services/financial services, and aviation/aerospace sectors. Mr. Ross also spends significant time on trade policy and legislative matters, including proceedings under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, US legislation, the negotiation and enforcement of international agreements, and World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international trade law. Mr. Ross joined WilmerHale after spending four years as international trade counsel to the Republican staff of the Senate Finance Committee, and eight years as associate general counsel at USTR.

During his time at USTR, Mr. Ross was responsible for legal matters involving services and financial services, subsidies, antidumping measures, and safeguards. Mr. Ross served as lead counsel for the United States in numerous dispute settlement proceedings before the WTO, including the successful US challenges to EU subsidies for large civil aircraft and Mexican antidumping duties on imports of US rice. Mr. Ross also served as the chief US lawyer in the negotiation of the free trade agreement with Chile and as the services and financial services lawyer in free trade agreement negotiations with Australia, Morocco, Bahrain and Oman.

While serving with the finance committee, Mr. Ross advised member, Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, and Republican staff on trade and economic issues including services, intellectual property, investment, currency/exchange rates, climate, labor, trade adjustment assistance and WTO dispute settlement. Mr. Ross provided policy guidance on trade and economic matters involving trade with China, Europe and the Russian Federation, and he negotiated and drafted trade legislation on issues falling within the finance committee's jurisdiction. Through these experiences, Mr. Ross gained deep experience in the formulation and execution of Congressional trade policy, legislative drafting, Executive Branch oversight, and the use of

legislative tools to help address and resolve impediments to trade.

From 1993–1997, Mr. Ross was an attorney-adviser in the Office of the Chief Counsel for Import Administration, US Department of Commerce. Mr. Ross provided legal advice to the Import Administration (IA) on its regulatory responsibilities under the US trade remedy laws and defended IA determinations before US courts and NAFTA panels. He also was extensively involved in the negotiation and administration of the antidumping suspension agreements on uranium and honey.

Professional Activities

Mr. Ross is a member of the Georgetown University Law Center, International Trade Update CLE Advisory Board. He is also a member of the US Court of International Trade and the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Solutions

Aviation

Cross-Border Investigations
and Compliance

Latin America

Artificial Intelligence

International Trade, Investment
and Market Access

Public Policy and Legislative
Affairs

Crisis Management and
Strategic Response

Investigations

Recognition

- Recognized in the category International Trade: Trade Remedies and Trade Policy in the 2021–2024 editions of *Chambers Global*.
- Regularly recognized by *Chambers USA Guide* in International Trade: Trade Remedies & Trade Policy.
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* for his international trade and finance law practice in 2020–2024.
- Featured in the *Best of the Best US Expert Guide* for international trade (2022).
- Recommended by *The Legal 500 United States* from 2016–2018 for his international trade practice.

Credentials

EDUCATION

LLM, International and
Comparative Law, Duke
University School of Law, 1993

JD, Duke University School of
Law, 1993

*Staff Editor, Duke Journal of
Comparative & International
Law*

BA, Political Science,
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, 1989

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Executive Office of the
President

Office of the United States
Trade Representative

Associate General Counsel

Department of Commerce

*Attorney-Adviser, Office of the
Chief Counsel for Import
Administration*

Federal Legislative Branch

US Senate

*Counsel, Committee on
Finance*