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Robert Novick's practice focuses on assisting companies and associations to develop and implement market access, government relations, legislative and litigation strategies to secure and preserve export, investment or commercial opportunities throughout the world. He represents clients doing business globally in international investment, trade policy, negotiation, regulatory, government affairs, legislative and dispute resolution matters. Mr. Novick served as the firm's co-managing partner from 2012–2023.

Mr. Novick joined WilmerHale after serving as Counselor and then General Counsel in the Office of the US Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, from 1997 to 2001. As General Counsel, Mr. Novick was responsible for establishing and implementing the Administration's litigation priorities, strategy and settlement positions in WTO and NAFTA dispute resolution, as well as under bilateral agreements, and had responsibility for the Administration's legal positions with respect to all trade matters.

He also led negotiations on various legal and policy issues. He was a principal negotiator of the US-China WTO market-opening agreement and oversaw US participation in the multilateral negotiations on China's accession to the WTO. He served as USTR's representative to the 19-person Congressionally-established Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce.

Before entering public service, Mr. Novick was a partner in a Washington, DC firm, where his practice concentrated on trade policy and trade litigation matters, including matters related to the various import relief laws, customs and international arbitration.

Practice

Mr. Novick's practice at WilmerHale focuses on assisting companies and associations to develop and implement market access, government relations, legislative and litigation strategies to secure and preserve export, investment or commercial opportunities throughout the world.

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Solutions

Aviation

China Transactions

Crisis Management and
Strategic Response

Cross-Border Investigations
and Compliance

International Trade, Investment
and Market Access

Investigations

Experience

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Recognition



Leading Lawyer for International Trade Law

Chambers Global

2006-2024



Top Lawyer in the Nation for Trade Remedies and Trade Policy

Chambers USA Guide

2005-2023



Among the Best Lawyers in America for International Trade and Finance Law

Best Lawyers in America®

2008-2024

- Named to the inaugural *Legal 500 US* Hall of Fame list in 2017, 2021 and 2022.
- Selected by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the "Top Lawyers" in Washington DC in 2009, 2011 and 2013.
- Listed as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Litigation: International Trade in the 2009–2021 editions of *The Legal 500 United States*.
- Listed as a leader in the field of international trade law in the 2006–2024 editions of *Chambers Global*.
- Recognized as a leader in international trade: trade remedies & trade policy in the 2005–2023 editions of *Chambers USA Guide*.
- Selected by his peers as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of international trade and finance law for 2004, 2005, 2008–2024.
- Named to the 2014–2023 Washington DC *Super Lawyers* lists for his international trade practice.
- Recognized as a leader in the trade practice in the 2007, 2011, 2014 and 2015 editions of *Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*.
- Listed in the 2005 edition of *International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers*.
- Listed in multiple editions of *International Who's Who of Trade and Customs Lawyers*.

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, American University,
Washington College of Law

*Executive Editor, American
University Law Review*

BA, Bucknell University

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

England and Wales, Registered
Foreign Lawyer

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Executive Office of the
President

Office of the United States
Trade Representative

General Counsel

Executive Office of the
President

Office of the United States
Trade Representative

*Counselor to the US Trade
Representative*