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Partner Rachel Alpert Discusses the History of US Economic Sanctions on *EMBARGOED!* Podcast

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Partner Rachel Alpert joined the *EMBARGOED!* podcast to discuss the history of US economic sanctions, from the Civil War to the post-9/11 era, as part of the show's ongoing exploration of how the modern sanctions landscape took shape.

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Rachel examined the effects of Civil War blockades, then discussed the nearly 50-year history of the Office of the Alien Property Custodian and some little-known pre-Cuba embargo history.

As Co-Chair of the firm's National Security and Crisis Practice and Human Rights and Global Strategy Practice, Rachel guides multinational companies and institutions through US sanctions, export controls, and national security regulations. Drawing on her experience as Chief Counsel at the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Rachel helps clients understand not only what the law requires, but how policy is shaped and implemented across government.

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