

## Tariff Task Force

The increased use of tariffs by the United States and its trade partners is impacting supply chains around the globe. Jenner & Block's Tariff Task Force brings together a multi-disciplinary team of litigators, former government prosecutors, and subject matter experts to help clients in any industry — automotive, pharmaceutical, food and beverage, energy, electronics and semiconductors, steel and aluminum manufacturing, construction, and more — navigate this uncertain landscape.

Recognized as a litigation powerhouse, Jenner & Block helps clients challenge the legality of the anticipated tariffs, navigate contractual disputes related to supply chain issues, and defend government investigations into alleged non-compliance. We also provide strategic counseling on how to navigate varying regulatory requirements between countries and manage existing and future business relationships affected by the tariffs.

### **Challenging the Legality of Tariffs**

Jenner & Block's Appellate & Supreme Court Practice is regularly called upon by leading companies and trade groups for its strength, sophistication, and proven ability to navigate cutting-edge issues. Our team has substantial experience successfully challenging executive and agency actions, including on constitutional grounds and under the Administrative Procedure Act. We harness our thought leadership on how recent Supreme Court decisions and broader legal trends will affect tariff-related issues and challenges to government action to guide clients through uncharted waters.

### **Contractual Disputes and Contract Language Consulting**

As the tariffs hinder subcontractors or suppliers from completing their contractual obligations, our team litigates and provides counseling on contractual disputes and supply chain issues. We have substantial experience counseling and litigating bankruptcy issues, which may increase as tariffs squeeze profits for suppliers or other contract partners operating in industries with tight margins. In addition, our transactional team counsels clients on how tariffs will impact their existing agreements and designs contractual language to address actual and potential tariff application risks.

### **Investigations and Compliance with Executive Orders**

Through compliance counseling, due diligence reviews, and internal investigations, our team helps clients stay compliant with the executive orders and tariff requirements. With several former senior government attorneys at the Department of Justice and US Attorneys' offices, our team knows the

common pitfalls that often plague compliance programs. We help clients evaluate their compliance structures and sanctions requirements throughout their supply chain.

### **Cross-Border Coordination**

Amid rapid change in the United States, we help clients navigate competing requirements while operating transnationally. For companies with manufacturing facilities across borders, tariffs may cause significant cost and liability—and moving expensive facilities may not be feasible. When combined with differing regulatory frameworks between countries, determining a path forward can be challenging. We leverage strong relationships with local counsel around the globe to ensure seamless coordination and comprehensive support of cross-border transactions, investigations, and regulatory compliance.

### **Preparing for Policymaker Scrutiny in Trade Matters**

In today's interconnected world, tariff disputes and trade investigations raise the prospect of heightened geopolitical scrutiny from policymakers and regulators across multiple jurisdictions. Jenner & Block helps clients navigate high-stakes oversight and hearings with a cohesive legal, political, and communications strategy. Our Global Hearing Preparation Practice has guided senior executives through public hearings in North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, and the Pacific Rim. With a proven track record in high-profile investigations and hearings before the US Congress and parliaments around the world, we help clients mitigate legal and reputational risks while addressing the complexities of today's geopolitical landscape.

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Investigations, Compliance, and Defense

Investor and Securities Litigation

Litigation

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