

Jenner & Block Expands Sanctions Capabilities with Return of Rachel Alpert, Former OFAC Chief Counsel

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Rachel Alpert rejoins the firm after leading the Office of Foreign Assets Control legal team as part of the US Department of the Treasury. She will co-chair the National Security and Crisis and the Human Rights and Global Strategy practices, bringing extensive experience from the front lines of US sanction development, implementation, and enforcement.

WASHINGTON, DC - September 9, 2025: Jenner & Block is pleased to announce that Rachel Alpert has rejoined the firm as a partner in its Washington, DC office. Rachel will serve as co-chair of the National Security and Crisis Practice alongside Shoba Pillay and Shreve Ariail. She will also serve as co-chair of the Human Rights and Global Strategy Practice and play a key role in the Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Practice. Rachel returns after serving as Chief Counsel to the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), where she led the legal team advising on the development, implementation, enforcement, and removal of US sanctions.

Rachel brings unparalleled insight into national security strategy and sanctions policy at a moment of heightened geopolitical uncertainty and multi-jurisdictional disputes. At Treasury, she played a central role in drafting Executive Orders, briefed Congressional staff on sanctions matters, and coordinated extensively with the Departments of State, Commerce, and Justice, as well as the National Security Council and the White House.

"Rachel's return builds on our ability to help clients navigate the increasingly complex intersection of national security, trade, and global business," said Co-Managing Partners Ishan Bhabha and Randy Mehrberg. "Her experience at the helm of OFAC's legal team will offer our clients unparalleled insight and practical guidance as they face today's most intricate compliance and regulatory challenges. "

Rachel's career covers the full spectrum of challenges facing global businesses today—from navigating Iran's maximum pressure campaign, to mitigating cartel-related risks in Latin America, to addressing China-linked supply chain vulnerabilities and critical minerals considerations. Before her tenure at Treasury, she served as an Attorney-Adviser at the US State Department under four Secretaries of State and two Presidents.

She rejoins Shoba Pillay and Shreve Ariail as co-chair of the National Security and Crisis Practice, complementing the team's existing strengths in CFIUS, export controls, and national security litigation.

"Rachel's extensive government and private practice experience uniquely positions her to help clients understand not only what the law requires, but how policy is shaped and implemented across government," said Co-Chairs Shoba and Shreve. "At a time when sanctions, central tools of foreign policy, are impacting businesses and organizations across the globe, Rachel's background is invaluable."

"I'm thrilled to return to Jenner & Block at such a dynamic moment for the firm and our clients," said Rachel. "The firm's commitment to excellence, collaborative culture, and fearless service were what drew me here initially. I look forward to working with this exceptional team to help clients navigate an increasingly complex global landscape."

Rachel holds a JD from Harvard Law School, an MA from Tel Aviv University, and a BA from Yale University.

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