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PRACTICES

- International Trade
- Advertising & Product Risk Management
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- Automotive
- WTO, FTAs & Market Access
- Unfair Trade Investigations & Litigation
- Sanctions & Embargoed Countries
- Export Controls
- Customs Law
- Antiboycott Legislation
- OFAC & AML
- Government & Internal Investigations

John Brew is a partner in Crowell & Moring's International Trade Group and focuses his practice in the area of Customs. He has extensive experience in import and export trade regulation, and he regularly advises corporations, trade associations, foreign governments, and non-governmental organizations on matters involving customs administration, enforcement, compliance, litigation, legislation and policy.

John represents clients in proceedings at the administrative and judicial levels, as well as before Congress and the international bureaucracies that handle customs and trade matters. He advises clients on all substantive import regulatory issues handled by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, such as classification, valuation, origin, marking, tariff preference programs, other agency regulations, admissibility, import restrictions, quotas, drawback, audits, penalties, investigations, Importer Self Assessment and Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism programs, importations under bond, the Jones Act, vessel repairs and foreign trade zone matters.

John has assisted clients in a broad array of industries (chemical, pharmaceutical, petroleum, textile, apparel and footwear, food and agricultural, machinery, equipment and electronics, and household goods) providing creative solutions that enable clients to obtain significant duty savings and mitigate draconian customs penalties.

His practice also includes representation of clients in other international trade areas, such as export controls, sanctions, market access, World Trade Organization-related matters, bilateral, multilateral and regional trade agreements, foreign corrupt practices, anti-boycott, anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions, short supply proceedings, Section 201, Section 301, Section 337, and other import relief actions.

John is a co-editor and author for the ABA's International Practitioner's Deskbook, "U.S. Customs: A Practitioner's Guide to Principles, Processes and Procedures," and

the interview editor for Kluwer Law International, Global Trade and Customs Journal. John has been recognized by Chambers USA, in the area of International Trade: Customs, Best Lawyers in America in the area of International Trade and Finance Law, and Who's Who Legal, in the area of Trade and Customs.

Representative Experience:

- Assisting clients establish import compliance and cargo security programs and become C-TPAT and ISA members.
- Representing a home textile manufacturer in a favorable classification decision before Customs, the U.S. Court of International Trade and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and advising the company on multilateral and bilateral textile agreements.
- Counseling U.S. importers on Customs valuation issues, including audits, intracompany transfer pricing, three-tiered transactions, buying agency agreements and assists.
- Advising U.S. importers and exporters of automobile, food, chemical, pharmaceutical, plastic, textile, apparel and petroleum products during NAFTA verifications conducted by United States, Canadian and Mexican Customs officials.
- Assisting a U.S. computer manufacturer obtain export licenses for encryption technology, terminate an investigation on alleged OFAC embargo violations, and negotiating the inclusion of the company's products as part of the Information Technology Agreement providing duty-free treatment for imports and exports.
- Defending U.S. importers and manufacturers against Customs penalty, liquidated damages, detention, seizure and forfeiture actions.

Admissions/Affiliations

Admitted to practice: District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. Court of International Trade

Education

- City of London Polytechnic (1983)
- Bucknell University, B.A. (1985)
- The Dickinson School of Law, J.D. (1988) staff editor, *Dickinson Law Review*