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Tope Are - Associate Attorney

Tope is an Associate Attorney who assists clients with international trade compliance issues, including U.S. trade sanctions, export controls issues, and customs matters. Tope's experience includes work on internal investigations involving compliance with U.S. export controls and sanctions; determining jurisdiction and classification of equipment and technology; and creating export licensing solutions to assist clients with the submission and management of U.S. export licenses. Tope also has experience working on matters involving U.S. import laws and regulations administered and enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) including Prior Disclosures, Seizure Notices, HTSUS 9801 (U.S. goods returned), tariff classification, country of origin, and free trade agreements.

Tope earned her J.D. in 2015 from University of Houston Law School, where she interned with the Harris County Attorney's Office in the Public Law Group and was a judicial intern for the Honorable David Farr at the 312th Family Court. Tope received her B.S. in Sociology from Texas A&M University.

Professional Associations

- Texas State Bar
- Texas Young Lawyers Association

Publications

- "China's Push for Market Economy Status Under Review by Commerce Department," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (April 2017).

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D. 2015
- Texas A&M University, B.S. 2012

Bar Admissions

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Michael V. Esposito - Associate Attorney

Michael is an Associate Attorney who assists clients with a wide range of international trade matters involving economic sanctions, trade embargoes, U.S. export controls, and U.S. Customs laws and regulations.

Michael's experience includes developing export compliance programs for multinational corporations and creating export licensing solutions to assist clients with the submission and management of U.S. export licenses. He also has experience conducting global investigations and reviews related to the domestic and extraterritorial application of regulations administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, and the Bureau of Industry and Security.

Michael also has experience with advising clients on the laws and regulations administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He has assisted clients with a variety of import compliance matters, such as classifying complex products on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, analyzing the applicability of free trade agreements, and conducting in-depth reviews of imports for disclosures to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Michael earned his J.D. in 2014 from Tulane University Law School, where he served as the Senior Business Editor for the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law. Michael received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business from the University of Southern California.

Publications, Presentations, and Recognitions:

- "U.S. Eases Sanctions Against Sudan," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (February 2017) (co-author).

- “Schlumberger Subsidiary Pleads Guilty and Agrees to Pay \$232.7 Million for Violating U.S. Sanctions by Facilitating Trade with Iran and Sudan,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (March 2015).
- “BIS and OFAC Implement Changes to U.S.-Cuba Relations,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (January 2015).
- “President Announces Major Changes in U.S. Policy Toward Cuba,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 2014).
- “Broad Sanctions on Transactions with the Crimea Region of Ukraine,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 2014).
- “Water Issues Set the Pace for Fracking Regulations and Global Shale Gas Extraction,” Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law, Volume 22, Issue 1 (2013).

Education

- Tulane University Law School, J.D. 2014
- University of Southern California, B.S. 2010

Bar Admissions:

- Texas, 2014

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Jamie A. Joiner - Managing Member

Jamie has extensive experience representing U.S. and foreign companies on a wide range of international trade compliance requirements related to customs and cross-border trade. Her areas of practice include export controls, economic and trade sanctions, import and customs law, antiboycott restrictions, and requirements related to NAFTA and other duty preference programs. She regularly represents companies in administrative proceedings before U.S. government agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Bureau of Industry and Security, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, and the Foreign Trade Division of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Her representations run the gamut of trade controls compliance issues, including defending enforcement actions, filing voluntary self-disclosures and prior disclosures, responding to Penalty Notices and Claims for Liquidated Damages, applying for export licenses, filing classification (CCATS), Commodity Jurisdiction (CJ) and General Correspondence (GC) requests, responding to Seizure Notices, filing Protests, and conducting internal reviews for export, sanctions, and import compliance.

Based in Houston, Texas, Jamie has represented multinational corporations in complex export controls and sanctions compliance matters. She has handled customs matters involving nearly every major CBP port in the United States. She has extensive experience handling North American cross-border trade issues, including NAFTA Origin Verifications, audits by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, prior disclosures, investigations covering related party valuation, country of origin marking, and 9801 (U.S. goods returned). Originally from Shreveport, Louisiana, Jamie is the founder and Managing Member of Joiner Law Firm.

Previous Work

Prior to founding Joiner Law Firm PLLC, Jamie had the honor of being a Partner in a national law firm working with leading practitioners across a wide range of disciplines.

Professional Activities

Jamie serves on the Houston District Export Council (DEC) and as the Houston Area Coordinator for the Export Legal Assistance Network (ELAN), a cooperative program among the Federal Bar Association, U.S. Department of Commerce, and U.S. Small Business Administration that provides pro bono guidance to U.S. companies that are new to exporting. Jamie also serves on the Customs Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law and is a member of the Houston Customhouse Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association (HCBFFA) and the Houston Committee on Foreign Relations.

Publications, Presentations, and Recognitions

Jamie has authored several articles, publications, and papers related to her areas of practice, including:

- "NAFTA — Uncertainty and Anticipation," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (April 20, 2017) (co-author).
- "The Shared Responsibility of Export Compliance: When Exporters and Freight Forwarders Partner for Compliance, Both Stand to Benefit," WorldECR (January 2017) (co-author);
- American Bar Association (ABA) Section of International Law 2013, 2014, and 2016 Year in Review section on Customs Law, which summarizes the important milestones regarding U.S. judicial decisions, foreign trade policy, as well as legislative, administrative and executive developments (co-author);
- U.S. Customs: A Practitioner's Guide to Principles, Processes, and Procedures, 291-327 (Second ed. 2016) (contributing author);
- "BIS, State Harmonize Destination Control Statement," WorldECR (October 2016) (co-author);
- "DOJ Issues Guidance Encouraging Business Organizations to Voluntarily Self-Disclose Criminal Export Controls & Sanctions Violations," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (October 2016);
- "Understanding Changes to U.S. Sanctions under the Iran Nuclear Deal," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (January 25, 2016) (co-author);
- "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: What Is It? What are the Benefits? And Should You Support or Oppose it?" News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 3, 2015) (co-author).
- "Here Comes the Office of Export Enforcement! Are You Ready?" Pharmaceutical Compliance Monitor (March 17, 2014) (co-author);
- "How non-U.S. companies may become subject to U.S. re-export controls," WorldECR (March 2013) (co-author);
- "Complying with U.S. Export Controls: Practical Considerations and Guidelines for Businesses," South Texas College of Law, Currents (September 2009);

- “Foreign Nationals May Create Compliance Risks,” Counsel to Counsel International Law Alert (May 29, 2008); and
- “Dual-Use Export Controls on Nanotechnology,” Journal of Nanotechnology Law & Business (April 8, 2008).

Jamie is also a frequent moderator, guest lecturer and presenter at seminars and conferences. A selection of her lectures, presentations, and moderated panels includes:

- China Energy Trade Update, panel presentation to the Houston Bar Association’s Section of International Law (May 2017)
 - U.S. Export Controls, Sanctions and Enforcement: An Update & Outlook Under a New Administration, presented to the Houston District Export Council (April 2017)
 - U.S. Trade Controls Update - Export Controls, Sanctions, and Beyond, presented to the Houston West Chamber of Commerce (March 2017)
 - 2016 Compliance Year in Review: U.S. Sanctions, Export Controls, and Enforcement, presented to the International Compliance Professionals Association (ICPA) Houston Designated Area Trade Association (DATA) Group (November 2016);
 - U.S. Export Controls and Sanctions Compliance for Transportation Intermediaries, presented to Roanoke Trade Risk Management Webinar Series (September 2016);
 - Classifying Items on the USML, presented at the Deleon Trade: Advanced Topics in Customs Compliance Conference (February 2016); and
 - Export Licensing Strategies Focus, presented at the Deleon Trade: Advanced Topics in Customs Compliance Conference (February 2016).
 - She moderated a panel for the ABA Customs Law Committee regarding the U.S. Customs Centers of Excellence and Expertise (April 2015);
 - Presented a Trade Sanctions Update to the Houston Industry Trade Compliance Forum (March 2015);
 - Discussed the importance of emerging global markets and international trade compliance at the “Advancing Global Markets TV-Radio Show 2015 Networking Launch Reception” (February 2015);
 - Co-moderated the ABA Section of International Law’s “Understanding and Complying with BIS’ Russian-Related Sanctions” program (November 2014);
 - Lectured on the Russia Oil & Gas Industry Sector Sanctions at the Export University Series (October 2014); and
 - Presented “Global Compliance: How Do You Integrate Importing, Exporting, Free Trade Agreements and Commercial Contracting Procedures to Maximize Efficiencies and Reduce Compliance Gaps?” at the South Texas College of Law Corporate Compliance Center (October 2010).
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Jamie was named the 2015 Women Small Business Champion by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), an award given annually to an individual who has shown a commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership. Super Lawyers named Jamie a 2014 Texas Rising Star, as she was recognized for several years. The Texas Rising Stars list is published annually in Texas Monthly and Texas Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition. Jamie earned the Client Choice Awards for Trade and Customs Counsel in Texas in 2013 and 2014 and was the only Texas Award recipient in this Category.

Jamie also holds a U.S. customs broker license, which she received in 2005.

Education

- Louisiana State University Law Center, JD 2000
- Westminster College, BA 1996

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- Texas, 2000

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Kristin Kruse Lotz - Senior Associate

As a Senior Associate at the Joiner Law Firm, Kristin advises clients on international trade compliance issues, including U.S. export controls, trade sanctions, import regulations, and customs matters. Kristin was formerly an Associate at Winstead PC where she practiced complex commercial litigation representing clients in business torts, lender liability, commercial disputes, environmental disputes, and royalty litigation. She has substantial experience leading large-scale review projects for multinational companies.

In 2015, Kristin was named the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston by the Houston Young Lawyers Association.

Kristin earned her J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 2006, where she served as Associate Managing Editor of the SMU Law Review and received the SMU Law Review Best Casenote and Best Comment Awards. She also was a member of the SMU Barristers. Kristin earned her B.A. in Political Science and German from Texas A&M University in 2001.

After law school, Kristin served as a briefing attorney to Justice Charles W. Seymore of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas. As a law student, she interned with United States District Judge Lynn N. Hughes and Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan L. Hecht.

Kristin speaks German and has interned in Germany at law firms and the United States Department of State. Prior to law school, she studied as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where she regularly gave presentations in German to Rotary Clubs.

Professional Associations

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
 - Diversity Committee (2014-2015)
- Houston Bar Association
 - Gender Fairness Committee, Co-Chair 2013-2014
 - International Law Section
- Houston Young Lawyer's Association
- Association of Women Attorneys
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
- Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Life Fellow

Publications

- "Report Shows North Korea's Network of Front Companies and Shipments to Africa," WorldECR (April 2017).
- Casenote – Religious Land Use – Eleventh Circuit Broadly Interprets Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 to Leave Local Governments Nearly Powerless to Zone Houses of Worship, 58 SMU L. Rev. 465 (2005).
- Comment – Proving Discriminatory Intent in Selective Prosecution Challenges – An Alternative Approach to *United States v. Armstrong*, 58 SMU L. Rev. 1523 (2005).

Recognitions

- Houston Young Lawyers Association Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer, 2015
- Texas Rising Star, Thompson Reuters, 2013-2017
- Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas*, 2014-2015

Education

- Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, J.D. (2006)
 - University of Heidelberg, Germany -- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar (2001-2002)
 - Texas A&M University, B.A. (2001), *magna cum laude*
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Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2006
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Languages

- German

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Ashley R. Moore - Staff Attorney

Ashley is a Staff Attorney who assists clients and staff in understanding and complying with recent changes to international trade controls, including changes to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR), Customs regulations, and the various sanctions programs administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). She also works on a wide variety of international trade compliance matters, including matters involving antiboycott compliance, export controls, trade sanctions, and customs issues. In addition, Ashley conducts briefings on updates to U.S. trade controls and manages the publications and client alerts of Joiner Law Firm.

Ashley earned her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center where she interned with the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement division and served as a member of the moot court team. Ashley received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Houston.

Previous Work:

Prior to working at Joiner Law Firm, Ashley worked in social security disability and civil law.

Publications, Presentations, and Recognitions:

Ashley has authored several articles and publications related to the practice of international trade law, including:

- "U.S. Appeals Court Sets Aside \$4.07 Million OFAC Penalty," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (June 15, 2017) (co-author).
 - "Treasury: No Waivers for Bypassing Russian Sanctions," The Daily Bugle (May 22, 2017) (co-author).
 - "The Shared Responsibility of Export Compliance: When Exporters and Freight Forwarders Partner for Compliance, Both Stand to Benefit," WorldECR (January 2017) (co-author).
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- "BIS Removes Certain Nuclear Nonproliferation Column 2 Controls," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 21, 2016).
 - "BIS Extends Time Limit for Temporary Exports to Mexico under TMP," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 21, 2016).
 - "BIS, State Harmonize Destination Control Statement," WorldECR (November 2016) (co-author).
 - "OFAC, BIS Implement More Cuba-Related Changes," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (November 17, 2016).
 - "Export Control Reform Continues with Removal of Certain Night Vision, Laser, Guidance, Other Items from USML Cat. XII," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (October 20, 2016).
 - "BIS Implements 2015 Wassenaar Changes," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (October 20, 2016).
 - "U.S. Terminates Burma (Myanmar) Sanctions Program," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (October 20, 2016).
 - "OFAC Provides More Guidance Regarding General License H," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (August 18, 2016).
 - "OFAC Publishes Iran-Related General License J," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (August 18, 2016).
 - "Multiple Definitions Updated in Export Control Regulations," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (July 21, 2016).
 - "BIS Amends Guidelines on Administrative Penalties," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (July 21, 2016).
 - "BIS Revises 3 ECCNs Related to Chemicals, Viruses, and Biological Materials," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (July 21, 2016).
 - "The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act: What It Means to You," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (June 8, 2016).
 - "OFAC, BIS Implement More Cuba Changes," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (April 11, 2016).
 - "Understanding Changes to U.S. Sanctions under the Iran Nuclear Deal," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (January 25, 2016) (co-author).
 - "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: What Is It? What are the Benefits? And Should You Support or Oppose it?" News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 3, 2015) (co-author).
 - "DoD Removes Cuba from Terrorism List; Eases Restrictions for Government Contractors," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (November 11, 2015).
 - "7 Things Every Business Should Know About 'Made in U.S.A.' Claims," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (November 11, 2015).
 - "Justice Department Strengthens Pursuit of Individual Corporate Wrongdoers," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (September 18, 2015) (co-author).
 - "OFAC Posts Revised Guidance Regarding Temporary Sanctions Relief for Iran," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (August 12, 2015).
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- “U.S. Congress Renews and Extends Generalized System of Preferences,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (July 31, 2015).
- “Centers of Excellence and Expertise Assume More Trade Authority,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (July 2, 2015).
- “BIS Amends EAR to Implement Changes to Australia Group’s Control Lists,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (June 18, 2015).
- “DOJ Sheds More Light on Balancing Anti-Discrimination, Export Control Laws,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (April 28, 2015).
- “OFAC Issues Amended General License for Personal Communications Exports to Sudan,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (February 19, 2015).
- “BIS Imposes New License Requirement for Crimea Region of Ukraine,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (February 3, 2015).
- “BIS Expands Military End-Use and End-User Control for Microprocessors,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (December 22, 2014).

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D. 2010
- University of Houston, B.A. 2007

Bar Admissions:

- Texas, 2010

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Lindsey Roskopf - Supervising Associate

Lindsey is a Supervising Associate who advises clients on export controls, trade sanctions, and customs matters. Lindsey's experience includes work on multiple internal investigations involving compliance with U.S. export controls and sanctions; advising clients on compliance with U.S. trade sanctions on Russia, Iran, and Cuba; advising on export licensing strategies; review of technology transfer controls; determining export jurisdiction and classification of equipment and technology; and development of international trade compliance programs. Lindsey's experience also includes work on customs matters, such as NAFTA origin verification, valuation and tariff classification. Lindsey earned her J.D. in 2013 from the University of Houston Law Center, where she served as a notes and comments editor for the Houston Journal of International Law.

She was also a judicial intern for the Honorable Tracy Christopher at the Texas Court of Appeals, Fourteenth District and the Honorable Jeff Bohm of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Previous Work

Prior to attending law school, Lindsey earned her license as a Certified Public Accountant and worked as a financial statement auditor at KPMG, LLP.

Publication, Presentations and Recognitions

- "New DOJ Guidance on Corporate Compliance Programs," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (March 23, 2017).
- "U.S. Eases Sanctions Against Sudan," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (February 9, 2017) (co-author).

- “Understanding Changes to U.S. Sanctions under the Iran Nuclear Deal,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (January 25, 2016) (co-author).
- “U.S. Agencies Shed Light on ‘Shale Projects’ and Other Issues under the Russia Sanctions,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (November 21, 2014).
- “Russia and Related Sanctions,” Presentation for the Houston District Export Council (October 30, 2014).
- “The International Traffic in Arms Regulations,” Presentation at Joiner Trade Solutions’ Course entitled Becoming a Trade Controls and Anti-Corruption Compliance Professional (August 15, 2014).
- “OFAC Issues Revised Guidance on Entities Owned by Blocked Persons,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (August 14, 2014).
- “U.S. Toughens Sanctions on Russia: Summary of the New Russia Industry Sector Sanctions,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (August 14, 2014).
- “International Traffic in Arms Regulations Jurisdiction and Classification,” Presentation at Joiner Trade Solutions’ Course entitled Becoming a Trade Controls and Anti-Corruption Compliance Professional (June 25, 2014).
- “OtterBox Pays \$4.3M to Settle Whistleblower Allegations of Underpaying Customs Duties,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (May 14, 2014).
- “The Third Round of Export Control Reform has Arrived,” News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (February 18, 2014).
- “Ready or Not, Here it Comes! Export Control Reform: A Summary of Key Changes to Date and a Look Ahead,” Joiner Burton Client Alert (September 18, 2013).
- “How non-U.S. companies may become subject to U.S. re-export controls,” World ECR (March 2013) (co-author).

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D. 2013
- University of Texas at Austin, Masters in Professional Accounting 2007
- University of Texas at Austin, B.B.A. 2007

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2013

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Darrell B. Spires - Director, Consulting Services

As the Director of Consulting Services at Joiner Trade Solutions, Darrell provides Commerce Control List and Munitions List commodity classifications, U.S. export control licensing strategies, general or customized export compliance training, and export license management for clients of Joiner Law Firm PLLC. He has also provided long-term on-site consulting to assist clients in classification and training.

Darrell was formerly a Senior Electronics Engineer and Licensing Officer in the Office of National Security and Technology Transfer Controls of the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). In this position, he provided subject matter expertise for dual-use acoustic sensors, navigation, avionics, marine, and propulsion commodities. At BIS, Darrell was the principal federal official responsible for export licenses, commodity classification requests, commodity jurisdiction review for national security commodities, software, and technology for acoustic and marine products. He has an extensive knowledge of the geophysical exploration industry from an export control perspective and has assisted many exporters in developing export control strategies specific to energy sector.

Darrell was a highly requested speaker for export control seminars and training both nationally and internationally. Darrell also provided technical expertise for the update of the Dual Use and Munitions List of the Wassenaar Arrangement as well as outreach consultation to the governments of Jordan, Malaysia, Thailand, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Pakistan.

Prior to joining BIS in 2004, Darrell served in the Department of the Navy for 20 years primarily as a project engineer for various surface combatant and submarine sonar systems; and unmanned undersea vehicles.

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Member, International Compliance Professionals Association
- Member, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International

Education

- Tuskegee Institute, B.S. Electrical Engineering (1984)
- Florida Institute of Technology, Master of Science Management (2004)

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J. Michael Wilson - Senior Counsel

As Senior Counsel at Joiner Law Firm, Michael has represented multinational corporations in complex matters related to international trade compliance issues, including U.S. export controls, economic and trade sanctions, import and customs laws, antiboycott restrictions, and requirements related to NAFTA and other duty preference programs. Michael's representations include filing voluntary self-disclosures and prior disclosures, applying for export licenses, responding to customs audits and conducting internal reviews for export, sanctions and import compliance.

Michael was formerly a Senior Associate in the Houston office of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, where he practiced complex commercial litigation, representing numerous international clients in a wide range of matters, including anti-trust, securities, products liability, employment and contractual disputes, as well as transactional matters. Michael has substantial experience in managing large-scale litigation and review projects across multiple operating companies and business divisions for multinational clients.

Michael earned his J.D. from Baylor Law School in 2004, where he served as an Articles Editor of the Baylor Law Review, and received a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Texas in 1999. Michael is originally from San Antonio, Texas.

Previous Work

Prior to attending law school, Michael worked as a sports reporter for the Abilene Reporter-News in Abilene, Texas.

Professional Associations

- Texas State Bar
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Texas Bar Foundation
- American Bar Association

Publications

Michael has authored articles, publications and papers related to his areas of practice, including:

- "U.S. Appeals Court Sets Aside \$4.07 Million OFAC Penalty," News & Events from Joiner Law Firm (June 15, 2017) (co-author).
- "Treasury: No Waivers for Bypassing Russian Sanctions," The Daily Bugle (May 22, 2017) (co-author).
- "China's Push for Market Economy Status Under Review by Commerce Department" (April 2017) (co-author)

Education

- Baylor Law School, J.D., Cum Laude (2004)
- The University of Texas, B.J. (1999)

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2004
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas