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Julien Blanquart is an International Trade associate in the Governmental Practice in the firm's Brussels and London offices.

Areas of Practice

International Trade

Julien's practice focuses on compliance counseling, training and investigations in the areas of export controls, economic sanctions, anti-corruption (FCPA and Sapin II), customs, and foreign investment reviews (CFIUS).

Over the course of his education, Julien has acquired the legal skills and experience to assist the International Trade team in matters involving EU, U.S., and French law.

EU Competition and Regulatory

Julien advises clients on all aspects of European and French competition law, including mergers, cartels, abuse of dominance as well as State aid across all sectors and industries.

His experience in EU regulatory matters includes advising on sector-specific regulations, such as product liability, medical devices, telecommunications, motor vehicles and automotive components.

Julien also advises on a broad range of EU regulatory and compliance issues that affect market access and cross-border trade of products and services within the EU.

Honors

- Recognized by *Legal 500 Belgium* in International Trade, 2024

Experience

Julien's recent work includes:

Sanctions

- Advised French car rental company on compliance with U.S. and EU sanctions on Iran.
- Advised Italian finance and insurance bank on compliance with U.S. sanctions on Iran, Sudan, and Russia

- Advised multinational engineering firm on pipeline project in joint venture with Russia
- Designed compliance measures for satellite communications company to provide services to ships entering territorial waters of sanctioned countries

CFIUS, Cross-Border Transactions and Due Diligence

- Advised French conglomerate on a €850 million strategic acquisition of a U.S. renewable energy company

Customs and Free Trade Agreements

- Resolved various country of origin, classification and valuation cases involving imports in the U.S., EU, and South America.
- Assisted food and beverage companies with Customs classifications and country of origin markings under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)
- Advised several U.S. manufacturers on submitting comments on and requesting exemptions from the imposition of Section 301 tariffs on products and components from China

Antibribery investigations

- Advised a French CAC 40 company in the design and implementation of its corruption risk mapping in response to a potential audit by the French anticorruption agency (AFA)

EU Competition

- Advised a Danish variety store chain on merger filing in France
- Advised a Japanese electronics company on an internal audit and strategy on leniency

EU Regulatory

- Advised Air France-KLM in securing the European Commission's approval for up to €4 billion in French State aid to recapitalize Air France to help it overcome the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and plan for the future.
- Advised a Dutch medical device company on French market entry strategy and the appropriate regulatory pathway
- Advised a French pharmaceutical laboratory on compliance with requirements affecting the launch of medical devices under Directive 93/42/EEC
- Advised a Canadian bike manufacturer on product liability issues affecting products sold in several Member States

EU Litigation

- Assisted in the representation of an EU citizen challenging the EU Commission's decision prohibiting a Member State from paying damages ordered under an arbitral award

Articles

- CFIUK? The UK Brings Heavier Scrutiny to its Foreign Investment
World Export Control Review, 11.2020
- Sheppard Mullin Brussels co-authored reports on the ex post evaluation of EU State aid rules for the European Commission

- Growth In Global Export Controls Could Harm Tech Industry
Law360, 09.04.2019
- Movements Without Motion In Russian Sanctions Policy
Law360, 02.09.2018

FCC Law Blog Posts

- "UPDATE: National Security Meets Teenage Dance Battles: U.S. Increases Pressure on ByteDance Sale of TikTok," August 17, 2020

French Desk Blog Posts

- "Foreign-owned companies operating in the United States must file a 5 year survey with the U.S. Department of Commerce by May 31, 2023 (for paper filings) and June 30, 2023 (for electronic filings)," May 3, 2023

Global Trade Law Blog Posts

- "E(U)xterritoriality of EU Sanctions: The No Russia Clause," March 28, 2024
- "Protective Packaging: The EU's Economic Security Package Changes the Landscape in Global Technology Controls," February 5, 2024
- "China Semiconductor Export Regulations, Episode III – What a Difference a Year Makes," October 20, 2023
- "The EU's 11th Sanctions Package: The Long(er) Arm of the Law," June 23, 2023
- "Technology Protection is a Core National Security Priority: BIS Strengthens Its Policy on Disclosures," April 25, 2023
- "Breaking the Link – New Developments on U.S. Licenses for Exports to Huawei," March 1, 2023
- "Friday Development: New Sanctions and Export Controls to Address Russia's Ongoing Aggression in Ukraine (Including the use of Iranian UAVs)," February 27, 2023
- "Tightening the Cordon – U.S. Restricts Licensing Policy and Adds Allies to Technology Controls," February 8, 2023
- "China Semiconductor Export Regulations, Episode I – Counting Your Chips Carefully," October 11, 2022
- "Further Export Controls on Semiconductor Technology for China coming this Week," October 5, 2022
- "Technology to Iran: OFAC Lifts Certain Iran Sanctions In Response to Protests in Iran," September 27, 2022
- "Is the U.S. solar industry ready to prove its panels aren't made with Uyghur forced labor?," June 28, 2022
- "U.S. and Allies Impose Additional Severe Costs on Russia for Atrocities in Ukraine," April 6, 2022
- "U.S., UK and EU Sanctions Over the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) and Luhansk People's Republic (LNR) Regions of Ukraine," February 25, 2022
- "Russian Risk: Transactions with Russian Banks and Exports to Russia Create Greatest Exposure Under New EU and UK Ukraine-Related Sanctions," February 25, 2022

- "Russian Risk: Transactions with Russian Banks and Exports to Russia Create Greatest Exposure Under New U.S. Ukraine-Related Sanctions," February 25, 2022
- "U.S., UK and EU Sanctions Over Putin's Recognition of Breakaway Ukraine Regions," February 22, 2022
- "EU Bans Whitening Food additive E171 as of January 1, 2022," December 21, 2021
- "Clean Energy's Messy Problem: The Solar Industry, the U.S. Government, and the Complex Task of Combatting Forced Labor," July 23, 2021
- "Counterpunch: China Adopts Landmark Anti-Sanctions Statute to Stop U.S. Sanctions Effects Overseas," June 23, 2021
- "CFIUK Comes to Life: The National Security and Investment Act 2021," May 20, 2021
- "The EU – U.S. Sanctions Dilemma: The Advocate General of the European Court of Justice Weighs in," May 26, 2021
- "CFIUK Comes to Life: The National Security and Investment Act 2021," May 20, 2021
- "A New Era of Export Controls Begins in the EU: The Revised EU Dual-Use Export Controls to Promote Human Rights," May 14, 2021
- "U.S. Imposes Sanctions Measures Targeting Myanmar Military Government," March 11, 2021
- "CFIUK: The United Kingdom Introduces a New Mechanism for Foreign Direct Investment Screening," December 17, 2020
- "Lend Me Your EARs: CFIUS Makes Export Controls a Trigger for Mandatory Filings," October 14, 2020
- "CFIUK? The UK Brings Heavier Scrutiny to Its Foreign Investment Reviews," October 14, 2020
- "China Expands Technology Export Controls: Fighting back on TikTok and Putting Your R&D at Risk," September 2, 2020
- "UPDATE: National Security Meets Teenage Dance Battles: U.S. Increases Pressure on ByteDance Sale of TikTok," August 17, 2020
- "UPDATED: China Trade War Scorecard: Keeping Track of Tariffs," January 16, 2020
- "A Chinese Export License to Get a Smart Phone? Tech-Tonic Changes in World Export Controls," August 19, 2019
- "China Trade War Scorecard: Keeping Track of Tariffs," August 19, 2019
- "INTERNATIONAL TECH INVESTMENT ISSUE – Investments With Borders: CFIUS-Style Foreign Investment Review Goes Global," April 10, 2019
- "Where'd You Get Your Tech? New Rules May Allow the U.S. Government to Unwind Your Latest IT Transaction," December 18, 2020
- "The Great Wall Against China: Washington's Barriers to a Wave of Capital from the Far East," April 12, 2018
- "CFIUS for Europe? New Screening of Foreign Direct Investments in Europe," December 12, 2017
- "Lurches, Leaps, Feints, and Flops: Movements Without Motion in Russian Sanctions Policy," February 8, 2017
- "Today, President Trump Decertified the Iran Deal and Announced Tougher Sanctions on Iran," October 13, 2017
- "Growing Pains for Expanding Tech Companies: Uber Investigated for FCPA Violations," September 14, 2017

- "Section 301: The Trade Law You May Not Know Well that Could Shock Industries," August 17, 2017
- "One Year From Now, You May Be Out of Iran: Trump Administration Policy and the Timeline for Snapback," August 1, 2017
- "In the Chaos of (Trade) War, Where Does Your Company Find Peace?" August 1, 2017

Books

The CFIUS Book
12.01.2018

Media Mentions

Air France's Recapitalisation
Global Legal Chronicle, 04.15.2021

Memberships

Young Lawyers Division, International Section, American Bar Association

Podcasts & Webinars

French Insider Podcast Episode 13: Additional Sanctions Against Russia: What Businesses Need to Know
05.02.2022

Practices

Governmental Practice
International Trade and Investment
Exports and Export-Related Controls
Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering
CFIUS: Foreign Investment in the U.S.
Organizational Integrity Group
Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
International Reach
White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations
Antitrust and Competition
EU Competition and Regulatory
Français
Imports

Industries

Aerospace & Defense
Blockchain
Blockchain and Fintech
CFIUS: Foreign Investment in the U.S.
Construction
Emerging Company & Venture Capital
Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance
Fintech
Government Business
Investment Management
Life Sciences
Open Source
Semiconductors
Space & Satellite

Education

LL.M, Widener University Delaware Law School, 2017
LL.M., Lille Catholic University Law School, 2017
LL.B, Lille Catholic University Law School, 2015

Admissions

France (Paris Bar)
Brussels, Belgium (E List)

Additional Office

London

Languages

French
Russian
Spanish