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Tessa represents clients in a variety of international trade matters, including antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings, anti-money laundering, and compliance matters. Tessa routinely counsels clients on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). She co-authored the firm's FARA Issues Handbook and routinely advises clients on registration obligations and requirements under FARA.

Representative Matters

- Provides guidance on economic sanctions administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).
- Represents clients in trade litigation before the Department of Commerce, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Court of International Trade.
- Counsels clients on Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA, formerly DSS) matters, including Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI) mitigation.
- Counsels clients on anti-money laundering (AML) laws and regulations and the development of AML compliance programs.

Professional Experience

- Research Assistant, Professor Jane Winn, University of Washington School of Law (2007-2008)
- Judicial Extern, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (2007)

Practice Areas

Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI)
International Trade
National Security

Credentials

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law

B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Washington

Law Journals

Articles and Comments Editor, *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal*

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar
Maryland Bar

Certifications

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS)

Advanced Certified Sanctions Compliance Specialist (ACAMS)

Know Your Customer-Customer Due Diligence-Intermediate (ACAMS)

Languages

French

- Law Clerk, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington (Summer 2006)

Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), U.S. Capital Chapter
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly, Young Lawyers Advisory Council
- Steering Committee, District of Columbia Bar, International Law Section (2018-2020)
- The Association of Women in International Trade
- Association of Women in the Metal Industries - AWMI and Customs
- Customs and International Trade Bar Association (CITBA)

Recognitions

- Recognized by Law360 as a "Rising Star" in International Trade Law (2019)