



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

Monday, February 23, 2026

Via Zoom: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM US/ET

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**In Person & Via Zoom: 9:00 AM–
1:45 PM US/ET (includes luncheon)**



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Welcome to the 2026 Washington International Trade Conference!

We are delighted to welcome you online on Monday, February 23, and both in-person and online on Tuesday, February 24. As the International Trade Membership Association, it is our privilege to host so many guests from DC and around the world at this year's Conference.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their support of this year's Conference: Amazon, the National Pork Producers Council, Business Roundtable, White & Case, American Apparel and Footwear Association, Corn Refiners Association, Coupang, North American Export Grain Association, National Association of Manufacturers, National Retail Federation, Trade Data Monitor, Trade Center Management Associates, and the International Trade Center. Thanks to the sustained support of all our sponsors, we have been able to grow and adapt to the ever-changing trade climate facing WITA's membership in recent years.

At this year's Conference, we are discussing key themes contained in the Trump Administration's 2025 National Security Strategy (NSS), which draws a clear link between economic security and national security. Like the NSS, our Conference this year focuses on key trade and trade-adjacent issues such as artificial intelligence, critical minerals, and U.S. leadership on manufacturing and trade.

In the months to come, WITA will continue to explore important trade issues facing our membership around the world. Through WITA International, we will host trade discussions with our partners around the world to bring their perspectives to WITA's global membership. Through the WITA Academy, we will continue to make trade education and career opportunities in international trade available to students and professionals in the United States and around the world.

Thank you for joining us at the 2026 Washington International Trade Conference. Whether you are joining us online or in-person, we are delighted to welcome you to this vital conversation.



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All Day 1 Panels Via Zoom (all times are U.S./Eastern Time)

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM ET

TRUMP TRADE 2.0(26)

- **Peter Harrell**, Visiting Scholar, Georgetown Institute for International Economic Law
- **Sara Schuman**, Managing Director, Beacon Global Strategies
- **Stephen Vaughn**, Partner, International Trade, King & Spalding LLP
- **Moderator: Ambassador Susan Schwab**, Strategic Advisor, Mayer Brown LLP

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM ET

THE NEW FRONTIER IN CRITICAL MINERALS POLICY: NEGOTIATING TRADE AGREEMENTS

- **Sushan Demirjian**, Assistant USTR for Small Business, Market Access, and Industrial Competitiveness, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
- **Jillian Enjeti**, Manager, Tax & Trade, Panasonic North America
- **Del Renigar**, Vice President, External Affairs, Rio Tinto
- **Alex Stroman**, Vice President, Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs, Albemarle Corp
- **Moderator: Mahnaz Khan**, Vice President of Policy, Critical Supply Chains, Silverado Policy Accelerator



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USMCA PERFORMANCE AND PRIORITIES

- **Matt Blunt**, President, American Automotive Policy Council
- **Jordan Dickinson**, Director of Government Relations, Target
- **Nasim Fussell**, Vice President, Trade & International, Business Roundtable
- **Brad Wood**, Senior Director, Trade and Innovation Policy, National Foreign Trade Council
- **Maria Zieba**, Vice President of Government Affairs, National Pork Producers Council
- **Moderator: Greta Peisch**, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM ET

U.S. TRADE LEADERSHIP IN THE AGE OF AI: OBSTACLES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN DIGITAL TRADE

- **Khalil Gharbieh**, Senior Director, Trade Policy, Microsoft
- **Ari Giovenco**, Head of U.S. Trade Policy, Amazon
- **Kate Kalutkiewicz**, Senior Managing Director, McLarty Associates
- **Jonathan McHale**, Vice President, Digital Trade, Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA)
- **Moderator: Ed Brzytwa**, Vice President, International Trade, Consumer Technology Association (CTA) ®



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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

MANUFACTURING 4.0: TRADE, AI AND AUTOMATION

- **Michael Cicco**, President & CEO, FANUC America Corporation
- **Chris Della Rocca**, Chief Information Officer, Corporate Business Technology, Johnson & Johnson
- **Joe Stockunas**, President of SEMI Americas, SEMI
- **George Young**, Vice President, Secure Digital Operations, Rockwell Automation
- **Moderator: Andrea Durkin**, Vice President for International Policy, National Association of Manufacturers



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WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

Day 2

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8:30 AM ET

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

9:00 AM ET

FORMAL EVENT START TIME/ ZOOM BROADCAST START

9:05 AM ET

WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Kenneth I. Levinson**, CEO, WITA - The International Trade Membership Association

9:10 AM - 9:40 AM ET

FEATURED REMARKS & DISCUSSION

- **Jennifer Thornton**, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
- **Moderator: Ambassador Kristen Silverberg**, President & COO, Business Roundtable



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9:40 AM - 10:10 AM ET

FIRESIDE CHAT

- **Roberto Azevêdo**, President, 9G Consulting; former Director-General, World Trade Organization
- **Moderator: Angela Ellard**, Senior Advisor (non-resident), Center for Strategic and International Studies; former Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization

10:10 AM - 10:40 AM ET

FEATURED REMARKS & DISCUSSION

- **William Kimmitt**, Under Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce
- **Moderator: John Neuffer**, President & CEO, Semiconductor Industry Association

10:40 AM - 11:10 AM ET

FIRESIDE CHAT

- **Chris Pilkerton**, Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Moderator: Laura Black**, Partner, White & Case; former Director of Policy & International Relations, Office of Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury



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11:15 AM - 12:15 PM ET

THE TRUMP COROLLARY TO THE MONROE DOCTRINE & HEMISPHERIC TRADE

- **Diego Marroquín Bitar**, Fellow, Americas Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Ambassador Mariana Pacheco**, External Consultant, Araujo Ibarra; former Ambassador of Colombia to India; former Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Colombia in the U.S.
- **Kelly Ann Shaw**, Partner, Akin; former Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs and Deputy Director, National Economic Council
- **Ricardo Zuniga**, Founding Partner, Dinámica Americas; former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary & Special Envoy for the Northern Triangle, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- **Moderator: Kellie Meiman Hock**, Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University; Board Member, Inter-American Dialogue; former Director of Brazil & the Southern Cone, Office of the United States Trade Representative

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM ET

NETWORKING LUNCHEON



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12:45 PM – 1:45 PM ET:

AFTER IEEPA: WHAT'S NEXT FOR TARIFFS, TRADE, AND PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY

- **Timothy Keeler**, Partner, Co-Leader of International Trade, Mayer Brown LLP; former Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; former Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Ryan Majerus**, Partner, King & Spalding; former Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- **Dan Mullaney**, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; former Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East
- **Brenda Smith**, Global Director of Government Outreach, Expeditors; former Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- **Moderator: Michael Smart**, Managing Director, Rock Creek Global Advisors; former Director for International Trade and Investment, National Security Council, The White House; former Trade Counsel, Democratic Staff, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance



Panel One:

TRUMP TRADE 2.0(26)

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM ET



PETER HARRELL

Visiting Scholar, Georgetown
Institute for International
Economic Law



SARA SCHUMAN

Managing Director, Beacon
Global Strategies



STEPHEN VAUGHN

Partner, International Trade,
King & Spalding LLP



MODERATOR AMB. SUSAN SCHWAB

Strategic Advisor, Mayer Brown
LLP



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PETER HARRELL

Panel 1: Trump Trade 2.0(26)

Visiting Scholar, Georgetown Institute for International Economic Law

Peter E. Harrell is a Visiting Scholar at Georgetown's Institute of International Economic Law. Harrell has had a diverse career across both the public and private sectors and currently serves as an attorney advising companies and investors on international legal, regulatory, and geopolitical risks, including economic sanctions and trade compliance matters.



As a Visiting Scholar, Harrell's research agenda focuses on the future of U.S. trade law and policy and the global trading order.

From January 2021 through 2022, Harrell served at the White House as Senior Director for International Economics, jointly appointed to the National Security Council and the National Economic Council. In that role, Harrell led White House initiatives to secure U.S. supply chains for critical products, worked on international digital and telecommunications policy and negotiations, served as the White House representative to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States; and led policy processes to impose sanctions and export controls on Russia in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

From 2015 to early 2021, Harrell was an attorney in private practice and served as Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security. Harrell's articles and essays have appeared in publications including the Fordham International Law Journal, the Journal of International Economic Law, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Politico, and Lawfare, among other outlets. Harrell has also testified in front of multiple congressional committees. He is also the host of a podcast, Security Economics.

Between 2009 and 2014, Harrell served at the U.S. State Department, first on the Policy Planning Staff and subsequently in the Department's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. Earlier in his career, Harrell served on President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign and as a reporter for Congressional Quarterly.

In addition to serving as a Visiting Scholar at the Institute of International Economic Law, Harrell is also a nonresident fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Harrell is a magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University and holds a JD from the Yale Law School.



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SARA SCHUMAN

Panel 1: Trump Trade 2.0(26)

Managing Director, Beacon Global Strategies

Sara Schuman is a Managing Director at Beacon Global Strategies and leads the firm's International Trade Practice. Ms. Schuman brings unparalleled experience and insight at the forefront of U.S.-China trade relations, previously serving in senior U.S. government roles for more than a decade in Washington and Beijing. Prior to joining Beacon, Ms. Schuman was the Senior Trade Representative for China at the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

In this capacity, she was one of the key U.S. officials responsible for trade negotiations with China and developing and implementing U.S. trade policy towards China, including coordinating with U.S. trading partners and allies on economic security initiatives.

Ms. Schuman also served as the Minister Counselor for Trade Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing during the first Trump and Biden Administrations. As the top U.S. trade official in China, she served as USTR's envoy to the People's Republic of China.

Ms. Schuman was deeply involved with the Phase One Agreement trade negotiations and had broad responsibilities for monitoring implementation of China's commitments under the agreement. During the second Trump Administration, she was involved in multiple rounds of high-level negotiations with China and USTR's review of China-related trade issues under the "Presidential Memorandum on America First Trade Policy."

Ms. Schuman also has extensive experience with trade enforcement actions, including work on several trade disputes against China at the World Trade Organization (WTO) on issues such as rare earths, raw materials, aircraft, automobiles, aluminum, intellectual property rights, subsidies, electronic payments, and agriculture. She also played a leading role in USTR's Section 301 investigation of China's technology transfer practices during the first Trump Administration.

During her time in government, Ms. Schuman worked extensively with other U.S. government agencies, including the Department of Treasury, Department of Commerce, Department of State, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and Department of Homeland Security.

Ms. Schuman was also detailed to the U.S. House of Representative's bipartisan Select Committee on the Strategic Competition with China for one year, where she served as a senior advisor on trade and economic security to the Ranking Member.

Ms. Schuman is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and has spent more than a decade living and working in China. Prior to joining USTR in 2013, Ms. Schuman previously practiced law with an international law firm in New York and Beijing.

She holds a J.D. magna cum laude from Brooklyn Law School and a B.A. cum laude in International Politics and Economics from Middlebury College. She also holds a certificate in China Studies from the Johns Hopkins University Nanjing Center.



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STEPHEN VAUGHN

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Partner, International Trade, King & Spalding LLP

Stephen P. Vaughn is a Partner in the International Trade Team of King & Spalding who works primarily on international trade litigation and policy matters. In April 2019, Stephen completed more than two years of service as the General Counsel for the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). In that position, he managed a team of government attorneys representing U.S. interests in both trade negotiations and trade litigation. During two months in early 2017, Stephen also served as the acting U.S. Trade Representative.



He is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on current U.S. trade policy, as well as one of the most talented U.S. trade remedy litigators.

Stephen is recognized as a leading practitioner in Trade Remedies and Trade Policy by *Legal 500 U.S.*, *Chambers USA*, and *Chambers Global*. He has been named a 2024 Client Service All-Star by *BTI Consulting* and one of *Washingtonian's* 500 Most influential People Shaping Policy in 2025.

Stephen draws on his experience in both government and the private sector to help clients navigate challenging U.S. trade policy issues. While at USTR, Stephen was directly involved in numerous significant issues, including the new U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA), actions undertaken by the United States against China pursuant to Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, and efforts to revise the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. He also supervised U.S. litigation efforts before the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as litigation undertaken pursuant to other U.S. free trade agreements. Stephen represented the Administration in numerous meetings regarding U.S. trade policy with Congressional officials and officials from other countries.

Before working at USTR, Stephen spent almost two decades in private practice representing clients in high-profile trade matters. Much of his practice focused on injury issues in the context of antidumping and countervailing duty (AC/CVD) litigation. He has lengthy experience in complex trade litigation before the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and North American Free Trade Agreement binational panels.

During his time in private practice, Stephen represented clients in a number of trade policy matters, from enforcement of unfair trade laws to the role of trade issues in the context of climate change. Stephen has also served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he co-taught a seminar on U.S. trade policy and the WTO.



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AMB. SUSAN SCHWAB

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Strategic Advisor, Mayer Brown LLP

Ambassador Susan C. Schwab offers cross-practice and cross-office counsel to clients on a wide range of issues and policies. From 2005-2009, Ambassador Schwab served as United States Trade Representative (USTR) and Deputy USTR in the George W. Bush administration. In addition to her advisory role for Mayer Brown, she also teaches at the University of Maryland, where previously was dean and a professor at the School of Public Policy, as well as President of the University System of Maryland Foundation.

Ambassador Schwab also sits on several corporate and non-profit boards, and is a frequent speaker at associations, corporations, and think tanks. In 2022, she became board chair of the National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC).

During her tenure as USTR, Ambassador Schwab successfully opened markets for US products and services in every region of the world and across a variety of business sectors and industries. She concluded the United States' Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Peru, Colombia and South Korea and launched the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) talks. Ambassador Schwab helped to achieve congressional approval of FTAs with Oman and Peru, as well as the bipartisan "May 10th, 2007" agreement on trade, labor and the environment. Additionally, she negotiated in the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Doha Round with major economic powers including the European Union, China, India, Brazil and Indonesia; and engaged in WTO accession negotiations with Vietnam. Finally, she filed, pursued and resolved multiple cases in defense of US commercial interests with Canada, China, the EU and others.

Ambassador Schwab has more than three decades of international trade and policy experience, beginning her career in the USTR's office as a trade negotiator for agriculture issues. After two years, she headed to Tokyo, where she served as a Trade Policy Officer at the American Embassy. She later spent eight years working for Sen. John Danforth (R-MO), first as Chief Economist and Legislative Assistant for International Trade and then as Legislative Director. In 1989 Ambassador Schwab became the Director General of the US & Foreign Commercial Service at the US Department of Commerce, where she oversaw 200 international and domestic field offices with 1300 employees and a budget of \$115 million. Following that, she worked as a senior executive at a major US technology company negotiating deals to access the Chinese market.



Panel Two:

**THE NEW FRONTIER IN CRITICAL
MINERALS POLICY:
NEGOTIATING TRADE AGREEMENTS**

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM ET



SUSHAN DEMIRJIAN

AUSTR for Small Business, Market Access, & Industrial Competitiveness, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative



JILLIAN ENJETI

**Manager, Tax & Trade,
Panasonic North America**



DEL RENIGAR

**Vice President, External Affairs,
Rio Tinto**



ALEX STROMANN

**Vice President, Government
Relations & Regulatory Affairs,
Albemarle Corp**



MODERATOR MAHAZ KHAN

**Vice President of Policy, Critical Supply
Chains, Silverado Policy Accelerator**

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SUSHAN DEMIRJIAN

**Panel 2: The New Frontier in Critical Minerals
Policy: Negotiating Trade Agreements**



AUSTR for Small Business, Market Access, & Industrial Competitiveness, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Sushan Demirjian is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing U.S. trade policy related to a broad range of U.S. manufacturing and industrial sectors.

Sectors such as, information and communications technology, autos, capital goods, machinery and equipment, chemicals, energy, steel and other metals, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, forest products, and consumer products. She also oversees USTR's efforts to expand trade opportunities for U.S. small and medium-sized businesses.

Ms. Demirjian joined USTR in 2007 and has led market access and industrial goods negotiations in the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and with the United Kingdom, Kenya, Japan, Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). She also worked on the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Round negotiations related to non-agricultural market access (NAMA).

Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Demirjian was Director of International Trade at the American Chemistry Council, the key association representing the U.S. chemical industry. She also worked at the American Bar Association's Section of International Law, where she coordinated programs and activities related to international commercial law.

Ms. Demirjian holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Science from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.



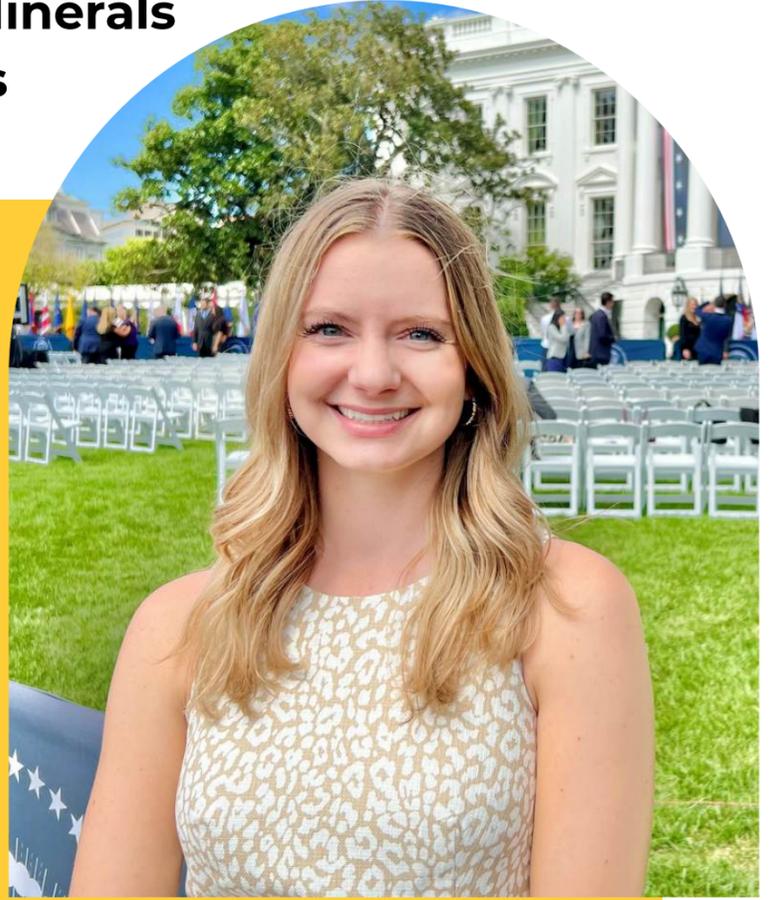
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JILLIAN ENJETI

**Panel 2: The New Frontier in Critical Minerals
Policy: Negotiating Trade Agreements**

**Manager, Tax & Trade, Panasonic
North America**

Jillian Enjeti works on tax and trade issues for Panasonic covering many business functions with a focus on the company's battery material supply chain.



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Jillian came to Panasonic from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where she covered Senate-side congressional relations for Ambassador Tai. Jillian also spent time on Capitol Hill in the office of then-Majority Leader Chuck Schumer covering tax and trade policy. She holds a Master's degree in Applied Economics from the University of Maryland.



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DEL RENIGAR

Panel 2: The New Frontier in Critical Minerals Policy: Negotiating Trade Agreements



Vice President, External Affairs, Rio Tinto

Del Renigar is the Vice President for Government Relations at Rio Tinto, a role he has held since joining the company in 2022. In this role, he leads the company's engagement on a broad array of policy, regulatory, legislative, geopolitical, risk and thought leadership issues, overseeing Rio's engagement with government officials and key stakeholders in the US and across Latin America.

He also supports Rio's strategic engagements with the diplomatic community and international financial institutions in Washington, DC in support of Rio's worldwide portfolio.

Prior to joining Rio Tinto, Del worked at General Electric for nearly two decades where he ultimately led its DC office and Global Government Affairs and Public Policy function, including coordinating Western Hemisphere, Middle East, Africa, India, South Asia, and US/China affairs. Earlier in his career, Del served in key senior positions in the US Government including the Department of Commerce and the National Security Council at the White House, focusing on international economic policy.

Before government service, he was a lawyer in the Washington, DC law firm Steptoe and clerked for the Federal District Court in Michigan. Del has spoken widely on energy, trade, investment, foreign policy, and international economic policy and testified before the US Congress. Del holds a BA from Duke University where he graduated with high honors and Phi Beta Kappa and holds a JD with honors from the University of Michigan. He and his wife Gwen live in Bethesda and have two daughters.



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ALEX STROMAN

**Panel 2: The New Frontier in Critical Minerals
Policy: Negotiating Trade Agreements**

**Vice President, Government
Relations & Regulatory Affairs,
Albemarle Corp**

Alex Stroman is Vice President of Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs at Albemarle Corporation, where he leads the company's Washington, D.C. office. In this role he oversees all U.S. federal and state government engagement and directs a global team responsible for product stewardship and regulatory affairs.



Stroman joined Albemarle Corporation in 2023 as Senior Director of State Government Relations. Before that, he served as Director of State Government, Indigenous, and Community Relations at TC Energy, where he led a team of 21 employees and managed more than 15 contract lobbying firms supporting operations across 41 states.

With a career spanning public affairs, political strategy, communications, and corporate advocacy, Stroman has held senior roles in government and political campaigns at the local, state, and federal levels. He was Director of Surrogates and a Spokesman at the Republican National Committee and was the Deputy Director of Communications for the 2017 President Inauguration.

A native of South Carolina, he served as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Republican Party and as Communications Director in the office of the State Treasurer. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina.



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MAHNAZ KHAN

**Panel 2: The New Frontier in Critical Minerals
Policy: Negotiating Trade Agreements**



**Vice President of Policy, Critical Supply
Chains, Silverado Policy Accelerator**

Mahnaz Khan is the Vice President of Policy for Critical Supply Chains. Ms. Khan has more than 15 years of experience developing international trade strategies and advising on the economic and legal impacts of trade policy measures at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Prior to joining Silverado Policy Accelerator, she was the Director of South Asia at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where she restarted high-level bilateral trade discussions with South Asian countries, leading to the resolution of longstanding trade barriers for U.S. companies. While at the U.S. International Trade Commission, Ms. Khan spearheaded a number of impactful projects on environmental goods, digital trade, industry competitiveness, and trade preference programs.

As a senior industry expert at the U.S. International Trade Commission, she also authored or co-authored over 20 publications and spoke at international conferences on these trade topics. Ms. Khan started her career in the private sector, investigating securities fraud and insider trading at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority during the peak of the 2008-10 financial crisis.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and operations management from Boston University and holds a Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law.



Panel Three:

USMCA PERFORMANCE AND PRIORITIES

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MATT BLUNT

President, American Automotive
Policy Council



JORDAN DICKINSON

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NASIM FUSSELL

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BRAD WOOD

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MODERATOR GRETA PEISCH

Partner, Wiley Rein LLP



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MATT BLUNT

Panel 3: USMCA Performance and Priorities



President, American Automotive Policy Council

Governor Matt Blunt is the President of the American Automotive Policy Council, a trade association for Ford, General Motors and Stellantis, and the former governor of Missouri. He was elected Missouri's 54th governor in 2004, carrying 101 of the state's 114 counties.

As governor, he erased a \$1.1 billion budget deficit, cut taxes, enacted lawsuit reform, fostered a business climate that created over 70,000 new jobs, and increased education funding by \$1.2 billion.

Prior to his election as governor, Governor Blunt served in the Missouri House of Representatives and as Missouri's Secretary of State. As Secretary of State, he reformed state election laws and used technology to increase customer convenience while also reducing costs.

Governor Blunt graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in History. Upon leaving active duty in 1998, he remained in the Naval Reserve for nearly ten years and was mobilized for six months after the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Governor Blunt serves as a director for Copart, USAA Life Insurance Company of New York and other private companies.

Governor Blunt and his wife Melanie have two sons, William Branch and Brooks.



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JORDAN DICKINSON

Panel 3: USMCA Performance and Priorities

Director of Government Relations, Target

Jordan Dickinson is Director of Government Affairs at Target, where he leads the company's federal strategy and engagement in Washington on trade policy, supply chain resilience, global logistics, and international government relations.



Previously, Jordan served as a Labor-Industry Liaison in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, where he helped design federal programs and select grantees aimed at strengthening critical U.S. energy supply chains and expand American manufacturing.

Earlier in his career, Jordan held senior roles on Capitol Hill for Congressman Dan Kildee, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. As Deputy Chief of Staff, he directed policy strategy across trade, tax, manufacturing, and labor issues, in addition to regulations related to drinking water and the environment.

Jordan holds a B.A. in Public Policy from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Energy Policy and Climate from Johns Hopkins University.



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NASIM FUSSELL

Panel 3: USMCA Performance and Priorities



Vice President, Trade & International, Business Roundtable

Nasim Fussell serves as Vice President of Trade and International at Business Roundtable, where she leads the organization's efforts to advance policies that promote U.S. economic growth through international trade and investment.

Prior to joining Business Roundtable, Nasim was a Senior Vice President at a government relations and public affairs firm, where she led the organization's International Trade practice.

Before that, Nasim held senior roles in both chambers of Congress. She served as Chief International Trade Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee under Chairman Chuck Grassley, and as Deputy Chief International Trade Counsel under Chairman Orrin Hatch. In the House, she was Trade Counsel for the Ways and Means Committee under Chairmen Brady, Ryan and Camp. Throughout her tenure on the Hill, Nasim contributed to major legislative initiatives including the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), Trade Promotion Authority, and customs modernization reforms, among others.

Nasim also brings private sector experience from her work as a partner at a global law firm, as well as in-house roles at multinational companies and a cross-sector trade association. She began her legal career at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Nasim currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Washington International Trade Association (WITA). She holds an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from the George Washington University Law School, a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law, and a B.A. in History from the University of Michigan.



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BRAD WOOD

Panel 3: USMCA Performance and Priorities

Senior Director, Trade & Innovation Policy, National Foreign Trade Council

Brad Wood is Senior Director for Trade and Innovation Policy at the National Foreign Trade Council, the leading business association dedicated solely to advancing the interests of U.S. companies in international commerce.



Brad previously served in consecutive roles at the Embassy of Canada where he was most recently the Trade Program Manager for Innovation and Industrial Policy and the U.S. representative for Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. In this capacity Brad advanced Canada-U.S. cooperation bilaterally and with third countries, and worked with the Administration, Congress and business sector to ensure policies support open trade and the integrated North American market.

Prior to the Embassy, Brad worked in several capacities for the Government of Canada in Ottawa where he shaped international policy priorities, coordinated appropriations, mitigated technical barriers to trade, and represented Canada internationally, including at the World Trade Organization.

Brad holds a Master's in International Trade from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Business Administration with an economics double major from Brandon University.



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MARIA ZIEBA

Panel 3: USMCA Performance and Priorities



Vice President of Government Affairs, National Pork Producers Council

Maria Zieba is the Vice President of Government Affairs for the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), overseeing the international affairs and domestic policy teams. Prior to joining NPPC, Zieba was a Trade Policy Manager for the National Milk Producers Federation and the U.S. Dairy Export Council, where she worked on various non-technical trade issues affecting the dairy industry.

Before that, she worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, managing capacity building projects aimed at increasing U.S. agricultural exports to emerging markets.

Zieba holds a M.A. in international commerce and policy from George Mason University. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Riverside with a double major in political science-international affairs and Spanish.

She is fluent in three languages and has lived in Washington, D.C., Southern California, Argentina and Brazil.



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GRETA PEISCH

Panel 3: USMCA Performance and Priorities

Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Greta Peisch brings nearly 15 years of experience in international trade matters. Most recently, she served as General Counsel for the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) where she was a primary legal advisor to the agency, including with respect to trade enforcement and trade agreement implementation and negotiations.



While at USTR, Greta led the USTR's enforcement agenda, including World Trade Organization (WTO) and trade agreement dispute settlement and implementation of Sections 201 and 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Greta negotiated the settlement of significant trade disputes, including a years-long dispute with the European Union regarding large civil aircraft; disputes related to the U.S. imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum and the EU's retaliatory tariffs; and a dispute with Canada related to a U.S. solar safeguard measure. In addition, she led the implementation of the first-ever reviews and panel request under the novel Rapid Response Labor Mechanism of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

She also oversaw negotiations related to Critical Minerals Agreements with Japan, the EU, and the United Kingdom and advised on legal issues in trade agreement negotiations and implementation, including with respect to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade.

Prior to her time at USTR, Greta was Senior International Trade Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance. In this role, she developed policy positions and legislation concerning trade policy, including the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the drafting, passage, and implementation of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act, and the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018.

With additional experience involving digital trade, labor, and the environment, Greta is poised to help clients navigate all aspects of trade's legal landscape.



Panel Four:

**U.S. TRADE LEADERSHIP IN THE AGE
OF AI: OBSTACLES AND
OPPORTUNITIES IN DIGITAL TRADE**

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM ET



KHALIL GHARBIEH

Senior Director, Trade Policy,
Microsoft



ARI GIOVENCO

Head of U.S. Trade Policy, Amazon



KATE KALUTKIEWICZ

Senior Managing Director,
McLarty Associates



JONATHAN MCHALE

Vice President, Digital Trade,
Computer & Communications
Industry Association (CCIA)



MODERATOR ED BRZYTWA

Vice President, International Trade,
Consumer Technology Association (CTA) ®



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KHALIL GHARBIEH

**U.S. Trade Leadership in the Age of AI:
Obstacles and Opportunities in Digital Trade**



Senior Director, Trade Policy, Microsoft

Khalil Gharbieh is a Senior Director of Trade Policy at Microsoft based in Redmond, Washington.

Previously, Gharbieh was a Trade Policy Counsel at Microsoft and also held positions as United States Trade Representative for the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Gharbieh received a bachelor of arts degree from Indiana University Bloomington and a doctor of jurisprudence from University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



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ARI GIOVENCO

**U.S. Trade Leadership in the Age of AI:
Obstacles and Opportunities in Digital Trade**

Head, U.S. Trade Policy, Amazon

Ari Giovenco is the Head of U.S. Trade Policy at Amazon where he advocates on a wide range of trade and economic issues with the U.S. Government and international organizations. Previously, he was a Senior Director for Congressional Affairs in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, served as a Legislative

Assistant for a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and was the Director of Trade and International Policy at the Internet Association.

Ari received a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego and grew up in Lake Tahoe, California.



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KATE KALUTKIEWICZ

**U.S. Trade Leadership in the Age of AI:
Obstacles and Opportunities in Digital Trade**



Senior Managing Director, McLarty Associates

Kate Kalutkiewicz, Senior Managing Director, leads the McLarty trade practice and contributes to the firm's Europe practice and McLarty Inbound.

Kate has managed complex challenges around global trade, industrial, and investment policy for nearly two decades.

Her experience spans roles in government, particularly in Europe and South America, where she honed her skills in negotiating complex international agreements and navigating the nuance around public-private sector interactions.

Prior to that, Kate served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for International Trade at the National Economic Council, where she developed and led US trade policy initiatives. During her White House tenure, she led interagency teams responsible for the US G7 Presidency and US positions on supply chain resiliency and support for the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before serving in the White House, Kate was the Senior Trade Representative at the US Mission to the European Union from 2016-2020. While in Brussels, she was the USTR's primary interlocutor with the European Commission and Member State authorities responsible for trade.

Before her time in Brussels, Kate held the role of USTR's Director for European Affairs (2011-2016) and served as Associate Chief Negotiator for the US in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiations. She began her career at USTR as its Director for Brazil and the Southern Cone (2007-2011), where she was the principal agency representative for implementing and managing US trade policy in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

Prior to USTR, Kate was a legislative assistant in the office of Senator James Talent (R-MO), where she supported the Senator on issues related to trade, foreign policy, homeland security, immigration, and the judiciary.



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JONATHAN MCHALE

**U.S. Trade Leadership in the Age of AI:
Obstacles and Opportunities in Digital Trade**

**Vice President, Digital Trade,
Computer & Communications
Industry Association (CCIA)**

Jonathan McHale is the Vice President, Digital Trade at CCIA, where he leads the Association's digital trade advocacy in the United States and international fora.

Until 2022, he was the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for ICT Services and Digital Trade.

He has two decades of experience working to open foreign markets in the telecommunications and digital trade sectors at both the Department of State and USTR, through policy development, negotiation, enforcement, and dispute settlement. He was the lead negotiator for the USMCA Digital Trade chapter, the Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce issues in the Trans-Pacific Partnership FTA, as well as KORUS, AUSFTA, and the Singapore-U.S. FTA.

He was responsible for digital issues in the U.S.-China Bilateral Investment Treaty negotiations, and led the formulation of policy on trade-related aspects of electronic commerce in WTO and regional organizations, and the enforcement ICT and digital trade commitments in the WTO.

Prior to joining USTR, he served as an Economic Officer at the Department of State in Tokyo, Washington D.C. and Paris.

He holds a B.A. from Brown University and an M.A. in International Relations from Columbia University.



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ED BRZYTWA

**U.S. Trade Leadership in the Age of AI:
Obstacles and Opportunities in Digital Trade**



**Vice President, International
Trade, Consumer Technology
Association (CTA) ®**

Ed Brzytwa is Vice President of International Trade for the Consumer Technology Association (CTA). Brzytwa provides expertise on trade policy priorities such as bolstering global supply chains and removing and reducing tariffs.

Prior to joining CTA, he led advocacy on trade and investment policy, supply chain resilience, and trade controls at the American Chemistry Council. Previously, he served as director of global policy at the Information Technology Industry Council, director of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation affairs at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and as an international trade specialist at the United States Department of Commerce.



Panel Five:

MANUFACTURING 4.0: TRADE, AI AND AUTOMATION

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET



MICHAEL CICCIO

President & CEO, FANUC America Corporation



CHRIS DELLA ROCCA

Chief Information Officer, Corporate Business Technology, Johnson & Johnson



JOE STOCKUNAS

President of SEMI Americas, SEMI



GEORGE YOUNG

Vice President, Secure Digital Operations, Rockwell Automation



MODERATOR ANDREA DURKIN

Vice President for International Policy, National Association of Manufacturers



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MICHAEL CICCIO

Panel 5: Manufacturing 4.0: Trade, AI and Automation



President & CEO, FANUC America Corporation

Mike Cicco is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FANUC America Corporation. As President and CEO, Cicco has responsibility for all the company's operations in North and South America. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of FANUC CORPORATION (Japan).

Cicco joined FANUC in 1999 and has held a variety of management positions over the years including software/controls manager and district sales manager at the company's Southern California facility. In 2005, Cicco transferred to FANUC's headquarters in Rochester Hills, MI to take on the role of national account manager of the company's Authorized System Integrator sales group.

As his career progressed, he was named General Manager of several robot division groups including Material Handling Engineering, Authorized System Integrator sales, and Domestic Automotive/Michigan Regional sales. In 2015, Cicco was promoted to Vice President of FANUC's North and South American sales and execution. In April 2016, Cicco was named President and CEO.

Before joining FANUC, Cicco served as lead automation engineer for Northrop Grumman in the Automation and Information Systems group.

Cicco holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. In addition, he is Chairman of the Board for the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT).



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CHRIS DELLA ROCCA

Panel 5: Manufacturing 4.0: Trade, AI and Automation

Chief Information Officer, Corporate Business Technology, Johnson & Johnson

Chris Della Rocca's current role is CIO for Corporate Business Technology at Johnson & Johnson. In this role, Chris leads the digital initiatives to improve experience, effectiveness, and efficiency across J&J's Technical Operations & Risk, Finance, Global Legal, Global Corporate Affairs, and HR organizations.



Prior to this role, Chris was the CIO Technical Operations & Risk, supporting various technical operations and risk functions globally, including Quality, Enterprise Procurement, Health Care Compliance, Enterprise Risk Management, Customer Experience, Digital & Data Science, Global Brand Protection, Engineering & Property Services, Security, and Customs & Trade.

Between 2019-2023, Chris was the CIO for Innovative Medicine North America and Global Commercial Strategy. In this position, Chris was accountable for transforming Innovative Medicine's Commercial & AI capabilities, enabling the business to offer personalized digital products and services to patients and healthcare professionals. Notable launches included digital solutions for Cell Therapy, AI for Salesforce effectiveness, and the first end-to-end patient hub. Chris began his career with Johnson & Johnson in 2005, and has held various roles including VP IT Customer Logistics Services, VP Technology Ethicon/CSS Supply Chain, Global Head Plan & ERP Products, and Multiple IT and business roles at Vision Care.

Chris started his professional career at Comalco Smelting's NZAS aluminium smelter in New Zealand in 1992 as a Manufacturing Control Systems Engineer. In 1997, Chris was recruited into the USA and spent over eight years working as a Supply Chain IT Consultant & Program Manager for various clients and industries around the world, including Pfizer, Danisco, Avnet, Sulzer Metco, and DHL.

Chris is a continual learner and holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Information Systems & Marketing Management from Otago University, New Zealand, and an MBA from the University of Florida, USA. He holds several certifications including: Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Financial Manager (CFM), Certified SCRUM Master, APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM), Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP), and Certified Product Manager. He also has multiple certifications in AI, Machine Learning, and Digital Transformation from MIT and is a member of the World 50 CIO Executive Community.



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JOE STOCKUNAS

Panel 5: Manufacturing 4.0: Trade, AI and Automation



President of SEMI Americas, SEMI

As President of SEMI Americas, Joe Stockunas leads efforts to increase the value SEMI Americas delivers to members, directs North America sales and services, and drives events and programs. He also advocates for the microelectronics industry as part of the SEMI Global Leadership Team.

Before joining SEMI, Stockunas served as executive vice president and corporate officer of Nordson Corporation, a leading global precision technology supplier, overseeing the company's worldwide electronics systems business. Prior to Nordson, Stockunas worked at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. for more than 30 years and held leadership positions in the materials and equipment business units of its Electronics Division.

Stockunas previously served on the SEMI North America Advisory Board, SEMI Board of Industry Leaders, the Nordson Corporate Foundation and SEMI Foundation boards. He also served on global and non-profit boards of organizations including Showa Denko K.K., Kawasaki, The Bethlehem Historic Partnership, Hanyang Technologies, TriMEGA Electronics LLC, and the American Red Cross.

Stockunas received a B.S. in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering and completed his graduate studies at Lehigh University.



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GEORGE YOUNG

Panel 5: Manufacturing 4.0: Trade, AI and Automation

Vice President, Secure Digital Operations, Rockwell Automation

George has over 30 years of experience in business management and consulting, serving Fortune 500 brands across industries. He co-founded Kalypso in 2004, which was acquired by Rockwell Automation in 2020, and now leads global digital and cybersecurity services at Rockwell.



George has been advising leaders across industrial sectors for over 30 years on innovation and digital transformation. He is an expert in process and technology strategy and implementation across the value chain – from product lifecycle management to manufacturing execution and supply chain management. With deep expertise in enterprise software and data science, and an emphasis on industrial cybersecurity, he helps companies secure and scale resilient operations. George is the founder and former CEO of Kalypso and now leads Rockwell Automation's efforts to help more companies enable secure digital operations.

George grew up on a farm in Gustavus, Ohio. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry at Youngstown State University. He then went on to receive a PhD in Organic Chemistry from The Ohio State University, and later an MBA from Rice University.

His life's work has been focused on the research and development of new products, first in R&D, plant management and business management at BFGoodrich, where he was awarded four U.S. patents; then as a partner at Deloitte where he focused on product development and lifecycle management.

A firm believer that consulting is a calling, George published a book "13 Steps to Mindful Consulting" for consultants who strive for a more balanced, fulfilled life.



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ANDREA DURKIN

Panel 5: Manufacturing 4.0: Trade, AI and Automation



Vice President for International Policy, National Association of Manufacturers

Andrea Durkin leads international policy and engagement for the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). As the largest manufacturing association in the United States, the NAM represents manufacturers of all sizes, in every industrial sector, and in all 50 states.

Ms. Durkin and her team develop and advocate for trade policies that work for the success of the more than 13 million people who make things in America.

Before joining the NAM, Ms. Durkin served as Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, where she was responsible for trade negotiations and U.S. policy coordination regarding matters before the World Trade Organization including WTO committees related to industrial subsidies, technical barriers to trade, customs and trade facilitation, government procurement and other subject areas. Ms. Durkin also led the development of U.S. trade positions in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and intergovernmental forums such as G7 and G20.

Ms. Durkin returned to U.S. Government service after two decades in the private sector as an entrepreneur, author, and corporate global government relations executive for a Fortune 200 life sciences company. She has served as a non-resident senior fellow and advisor to leading think tanks in Washington, Dallas and Chicago on trade policy, economic growth, and food and agricultural trade.

Over the span of a decade of previous government service with USTR and the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Ms. Durkin led negotiations that included free trade agreements in the Western Hemisphere, the trade-related aspects of United Nations multilateral environment and public health agreements, and sectoral initiatives in APEC.

Ms. Durkin has proudly taught hundreds of students International Trade and Investment Policy for twenty years as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University's Master of Science in Foreign Service program and served as president of the Women in International Trade association.



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WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

Day 2

**In Person & Via Zoom: 9:00 AM–1:45 PM
US/ET (includes luncheon)**



Day 2

9:10 AM - 9:40 AM ET

FEATURED REMARKS



JENNIFER THORNTON

General Counsel,
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

**Followed by
discussion with**

AMB. KRISTEN SILVERBERG

President & COO,
Business Roundtable



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JENNIFER THORNTON

Featured Remarks & Discussion



General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

General Counsel Jennifer Thornton advises Ambassador Greer and USTR's regional and functional offices on all legal matters, in addition to overseeing more than 40 attorneys and trade policy analysts within USTR's Office of the General Counsel and the Interagency Center on Trade Implementation, Monitoring, and Enforcement (ICTIME).

Prior to her return to USTR, Ms. Thornton served as Vice President for Trade and International Policy at the Business Roundtable and practiced law for ten years in New York and Washington representing clients in international arbitration and investment disputes. Ms. Thornton's prior government service includes stints on both Capitol Hill and in the Executive Branch. She most recently served as Trade Counsel to the Republican Members of the House Ways and Means Committee. Earlier in her career, she spent ten years at USTR and in the Department of State first representing the United States in international investment agreement disputes and negotiations, before serving as Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel to the Deputy United States Trade Representative.

Ms. Thornton has taught courses on international trade and investment law at Columbia Law School, as well as the University of Texas and George Mason University Law Schools. Ms. Thornton holds a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, an M.Phil from Cambridge University, and a B.A. from Wellesley College.



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AMB. KRISTEN SILVERBERG

Featured Remarks & Discussion

President & COO, Business Roundtable

Ambassador Kristen Silverberg is President & COO at Business Roundtable, an association of 240 CEOs of leading U.S. companies. Prior to the Roundtable, she was a Managing Director at the Institute of International Finance.

She served in the George W. Bush Administration as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union and as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

She also held a number of senior positions at the White House, including Deputy Assistant to the President.

Ambassador Silverberg served in 2003 in Baghdad, Iraq, for which she received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. She formerly practiced law at Williams and Connolly, LLP, in Washington, DC, and served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Judge David Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals. She attended Harvard College and the University of Texas School of Law, where she graduated with High Honors.



FIRESIDE CHAT

Day 2

9:40 AM - 10:10 AM ET



ROBERTO AZEVÊDO

President, 9G Consulting;
former Director-General, World
Trade Organization



MODERATOR ANGELA ELLARD

Senior Advisor (non-resident), Center for Strategic
and International Studies; former Deputy Director-
General, World Trade Organization



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ROBERTO AZEVEDO

Fireside Chat



President, 9G Consulting; former Director-General, World Trade Organization

Roberto Azevêdo is President of 9G Consulting and a founding partner of YvY Capital, an asset management company launched in September 2023 with exclusive focus on investments that accelerate the Brazilian and global transition to a greener economy.

Azevêdo retired from PepsiCo in August 2023 where he was global Chief Corporate Affairs Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors at The PepsiCo Foundation. In his role, Azevêdo oversaw Public Policy and Government Affairs, Communications, and The PepsiCo Foundation, while also working closely with the Sustainability team. His areas of focus included solidifying PepsiCo's engagement with national and international governments, regulators, international organizations, and non-governmental stakeholders, all of which was informed by his political skills and technical knowledge of the complex social, political, and regulatory environments impacting companies.

Prior to joining PepsiCo, Azevêdo worked as a career diplomat, most recently serving as Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2013. During his tenure, the WTO expanded its membership with the inclusion of half a dozen new members and worked to improve the service the WTO provided to members. He also delivered the Trade Facilitation Agreement, the expansion of the Information Technology Agreement, and decisions on food security, in addition to eliminating agricultural export subsidies, and enabling more goods and services exports from least developed countries. Under his tenure, new and creative platforms allowed the launching of negotiations on e-commerce, facilitation of investments and domestic regulation of services.

Before that, he was Brazil's Ambassador to the WTO, and he has held several posts in the Brazilian Foreign Ministry, including roles overseeing Economic and Technological Affairs and Dispute Settlement, where he was Brazil's chief litigator in WTO disputes. He first joined the Brazilian Foreign Service in 1984.

Azevêdo graduated from the University of Brasilia with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He also holds a degree on diplomacy from the 'Instituto Rio Branco', the graduate school run by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations. He and his wife have two daughters and five granddaughters. Azevêdo is based in Purchase, N.Y.



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ANGELA ELLARD

Fireside Chat

**Senior Advisor (non-resident),
Center for Strategic and
International Studies; former
Deputy Director-General, World
Trade Organization**

Angela Paolini Ellard is renowned for her expertise in trade and international economic policy, resolving trade barriers, negotiating outcomes, and building coalitions. She is Senior Fellow (non-resident) at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington DC.



Ms. Ellard served as Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization from June 2021 to August 2025. During her tenure, she was responsible for dispute settlement/reform, trade remedies, market access/trade facilitation, and negotiations to curb harmful fisheries subsidies. As a diplomat and key member of the senior leadership team, she supervised the Secretariat's facilitation of the successful conclusion and entry into force of the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement. She also oversaw the WTO budget and financial operations, providing transparency and accountability as well as sound fiscal management.

Previously, Ms. Ellard had a distinguished 26-year career as Majority and Minority Chief Trade Counsel in the U.S. Congress. She achieved significant bipartisan trade policy outcomes with Congressional leaders and five Presidential administrations, including trade agreement negotiation and implementation, development programs, and U.S. trade and customs laws. Before her tenure on the Hill, she practiced law at major U.S. law firms, focusing on trade litigation, policy, and legislation.

She earned her J.D. cum laude/Tulane Law School, M.A. in Public Policy/Tulane University, and B.A. summa cum laude/Tulane's Newcomb College.

She speaks and lectures worldwide and has received numerous awards for her leadership and contributions to trade law and policy.



Day 2

10:10 AM - 10:40 AM ET

FEATURED REMARKS



WILLIAM KIMMITT

Under Secretary of Commerce, U.S.
Department of Commerce

**Followed by
discussion with**

JOHN NEUFFER

President & CEO, Semiconductor
Industry Association



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WILLIAM KIMMITT

Featured Remarks & Discussion



Under Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce

William Kimmitt serves as the 17th Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. In this role, Under Secretary Kimmitt leads the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration and serves as the principal adviser to Secretary Howard Lutnick on matters of trade, investment, commercial diplomacy, and global competitiveness.

Mr. Kimmitt was previously a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where his practice focused on complex civil disputes in federal and state courts, trade and investment advisory matters, and government and internal investigations. He counseled clients on navigating geopolitical risks and trade-related developments—particularly concerning China and the work of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party—and conducted strategic assessments of global supply chains and investment exposure.

Prior to returning to private practice, Mr. Kimmitt served as Counselor to the United States Trade Representative (USTR), where he was a senior adviser on trade policy and legal matters. At USTR, he oversaw the implementation and entry-into-force of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, including extensive engagement with private industry on compliance and investment provisions under the new agreement. Mr. Kimmitt played a significant role in formulating U.S. trade strategy, engaging directly with foreign counterparts and coordinating across agencies on critical issues, and was a principal contributor to the agency's review and coordination of transactions before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

A Virginia native, Mr. Kimmitt earned his B.A. from Duke University and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. He and his wife, Heather, reside in Arlington, Virginia with their four children.



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JOHN NEUFFER

Featured Remarks & Discussion

President & CEO, Semiconductor Industry Association



John Neuffer is President and CEO and ex officio board member of the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), which has been the voice of the chip industry for nearly five decades. He has been at the nexus of technology, public policy, and trade for most of his career.

Since joining SIA in 2015, John has led the association's policy advocacy in Washington and capitals around the world to foster growth and innovation in semiconductor design, manufacturing, and research.

John also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Semiconductor Research Corporation, the world's leading non-profit industry-government-academia microelectronics research consortium. Additionally, he is a member of the Science & Technology Action Committee and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Prior to joining SIA, John served as Senior Vice President for Global Policy at the Information Technology Industry Council, where he led a global team to expand market access opportunities for member companies around the world. He directed all global government relations in trade, cybersecurity, standards, regulatory, Internet governance, and privacy.

Previously, John served for over seven years at the Office of United States Trade Representative (USTR) in Washington, DC: two years as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Affairs, preceded by over five years as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan.

Prior to his tenure with USTR, John was a Senior Research Fellow and Political Analyst with the Mitsui Kaijyo Research Institute in Tokyo for nine years. As a leading commentator on Japanese politics and policy at the institute, he published a widely read newsletter and wrote regular commentary for the Asian Wall Street Journal, TheStreet.com and Newsweek Japan. All told, John lived in Japan 11 years. He is a native of Montana and Washington State.



FIRESIDE CHAT

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CHRIS PILKERTON

**Assistant Secretary for Investment Security,
U.S. Department of the Treasury**



MODERATOR LAURA BLACK

**Partner, White & Case; former Director of Policy &
International Relations, Office of Investment
Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury**



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CHRIS PILKERTON

Fireside Chat



Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Chris Pilkerton is the Assistant Secretary for Investment Security at the U.S. Treasury Department. In this role, he leads the inter-agency Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and the Outbound investment security program.

Mr. Pilkerton previously served in appointed and acting senior government positions, including as Treasury General Counsel, Administrator and General Counsel at the U.S. Small Business Administration, and White House Senior Policy Advisor. He began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan and Senior Enforcement Counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Prior to his current government service, along with various roles in financial services, Mr. Pilkerton held several research and/or teaching appointments at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Brown University Center for Entrepreneurship, Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University business schools, and the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law (CUA). He is a former Vice-Commander (Flotilla) in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and has been recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of the “Fifty Heroes of the Fortune 500.” He was a Fulbright Teaching Scholar at Poland’s Jagiellonian University and holds an M.P.A. from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, a J.D. from CUA, a B.A. from Fairfield University and certificates in artificial intelligence/machine learning and data analytics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell University, respectively.



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LAURA BLACK

Fireside Chat



Partner, White & Case; former Director of Policy and International Relations, Office of Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Laura is a partner with the Global International Trade group at White & Case and is a member of the Firm's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Reviews and US National Security/CFIUS practice.

She has over 25 years of experience in the private and public sectors, including 15 years at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Laura advises clients on all aspects of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), from identifying national security risks to negotiating contractual provisions to preparing filings and guiding clients through the sometimes opaque process. With the proliferation of investment review mechanisms globally, she also coordinates multi-jurisdiction filings and advises clients on compliance with new outbound investment restrictions.

With respect to her government experience, she most recently served as the Director of Policy and International Relations for CFIUS, where she led the multi-agency process for scoping, drafting and finalizing the rules governing CFIUS's jurisdiction and processes. Domestically, Laura also played a leading role in the development of related national security regimes and worked on all aspects of CFIUS cases. Internationally, Laura spearheaded US government engagement on investment security issues with dozens of foreign governments, including with countries in Europe, Asia, the Western Hemisphere, and the Middle East.

Prior to entering public service, Laura was a lawyer in the Washington, D.C. and Brussels offices of another leading international firm with a practice focused on cross-border M&A, and more recently, she was senior counsel at another international law firm.

Laura is a widely recognized leader in the field, having been quoted by Bloomberg, CNBC, Reuters, The Wall Street Journal, US News, Forbes Mexico, Foreign Investment Watch, the Deal, and Global Competition Review, among other notable publications. She is ranked by Chambers USA and has been named a CFIUS Leading Partner by The Legal 500 and a Top Advisor on Foreign Investment and National Security by Foreign Investment Watch.



Panel Discussion:

THE TRUMP COROLLARY TO THE MONROE DOCTRINE & HEMISPHERIC TRADE

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM ET



DIEGO MARROQUÍN BITAR

Fellow, Americas Program,
Center for Strategic and International
Studies



MARIANA PACHECO

External Consultant, Araujo Ibarra; former
Ambassador of Colombia to India; former
Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of
Colombia in the U.S.



KELLY ANN SHAW

Partner, Akin; former Deputy
Assistant to the President for
International Economic Affairs
and Deputy Director, National
Economic Council



RICARDO ZUNIGA

Founding Partner, Dinámica
Americas; former Principal Deputy
Assistant Secretary and Special
Envoy for the Northern Triangle,
Bureau of Western Hemisphere
Affairs, U.S. Department of State



MODERATOR KELLIE MEIMAN HOCK

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University;
Board Member, Inter-American Dialogue;
former Director of Brazil & the Southern
Cone, Office of the United States Trade
Representative

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DIEGO MARROQUÍN BITAR

Panel Discussion: The Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine & Hemispheric Trade



Fellow, Americas Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Diego Marroquín Bitar is a fellow with the Americas Program, where he supports the work of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Strategic Initiative among other topics. Diego is supported by the Bersin-Foster Foundation.

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MARIANA PACHECO

Panel Discussion: The Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine & Hemispheric Trade

External Consultant, Araujo Ibarra; former Ambassador of Colombia to India; former Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Colombia in the U.S.

Mariana Pacheco-Montes currently leads her own consulting firm in Colombia, MPM e Hijos, specializing in international trade, investment, and corporate affairs.

She serves as an external consultant to Araujo Ibarra Consultores Internacionales. She previously served as Ambassador of Colombia to India, with concurrent accreditation to Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, and earlier held—on a second appointment—the senior diplomatic post of Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Colombia to the United States. She also directed Colombia’s Commercial Office in Washington, D.C. during the launch of the Colombia–U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

She brings extensive experience across the public and private sectors, including senior executive roles at Postobón, within Organización Ardila Lülle as Director of Regulatory and Corporate Affairs, and at Philip Morris International in Colombia as Government Affairs Manager. She also worked in the Washington, D.C. office of Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg during the free trade agreement negotiations with CAFTA-DR, Colombia, and Panama. Her public-interest work includes contributions to stabilization and vulnerable-community support programs with Chemonics International, as well as service as adviser to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

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In 2023, she was appointed to the Advisory Council of the US–Colombia Advisory Group at the Atlantic Council. She currently serves on the Boards of Araujo Ibarra Consultores Internacionales, Centro Colombo Americano, and on the Advisory Board of Incol SAS, a family-owned design and construction firm.



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KELLY ANN SHAW

Panel Discussion: The Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine & Hemispheric Trade



Partner, Akin; former Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs and Deputy Director, National Economic Council

The Honorable Kelly Ann Shaw is a partner in Akin's lobbying & public policy practice. She is recognized as one of the world's leading international trade, global economics and national security advisors. Her practice focuses on the complex intersection of trade, supply chains and geopolitics.

This includes tariff and customs issues, forced labor (UFLPA), national security measures, investment restrictions, World Trade Organization (WTO) litigation, as well as arctic, energy, global financial and industrial policies. Kelly Ann spent a decade in government service, holding a number of high-profile and influential roles as a senior U.S. negotiator, litigator, diplomat and policy advisor.

Most recently, she served as President Trump's Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs. She was one of the key architects of the administration's trade, investment, energy and national security policies. Kelly Ann was also the United States' lead negotiator (Sherpa) for the G7, G20 and APEC, and a key negotiator of the U.S.-China Phase One Deal, among others.

Prior to the White House, she served as Trade Counsel to the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee and Assistant General Counsel for USTR in Washington, D.C. and Geneva. Kelly Ann has represented the U.S. in more than 40 WTO disputes and served as a lead negotiator for several major U.S. trade negotiations.

Kelly Ann has been named one of Washington D.C.'s Most Influential People by the Washingtonian Magazine for four consecutive years (2022-2025), a Next Generation Partner by The Legal 500 and recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America. She has testified multiple times before the U.S. Congress and has been a frequent media commentator for outlets around the world.

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RICARDO ZUNIGA

Panel Discussion: The Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine & Hemispheric Trade

Founding Partner, Dinámica Americas; former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary & Special Envoy for the Northern Triangle, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State



Ricardo Zuniga is a founding partner of Dinámica Americas, a strategic advisory firm.

He was a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, serving for 30 years in multiple roles, including as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Special Envoy for the Northern Triangle, and U.S. Consul General in São Paulo, Brazil. Zuniga was detailed from the State Department to serve as Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the National Security Council from 2012 to 2015, advising President Obama, Vice President Biden and other senior officials on events in the Americas.

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KELLIE MEIMAN HOCK

Panel Discussion: The Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine & Hemispheric Trade



Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University; Board Member, Inter-American Dialogue; former Director of Brazil & the Southern Cone, Office of the United States Trade Representative

A long-time Latin America and trade policy hand, Kellie for over three decades has managed the most challenging issues confronting companies as they seek to manage global operations, tackle market access barriers, and grow internationally.

She worked for nearly a decade as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer at the Department of State, serving in Bogota, Colombia, and throughout Brazil in Porto Alegre, São Paulo, and Recife. Her final posting was at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative as Director for Brazil and the Southern Cone.

Kellie joined McLarty Associates in 2000, originally founding the firm's trade and Brazil/Southern Cone practices and eventually becoming Managing Partner. She is now Senior Counselor to the firm and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. She also guest lectures at University of Nebraska and McGill University. Kellie is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, chairs the Women's Foreign Policy Group Leadership Council, and is on the board of the Inter-American Dialogue and the Washington Campus.



Panel Discussion:

**AFTER IEEPA: WHAT'S NEXT FOR TARIFFS,
TRADE, AND PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY**

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM ET



TIMOTHY KEELER

Partner, Co-Leader of International Trade, Mayer Brown LLP; former Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; former Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury



RYAN MAJERUS

Partner, King & Spalding; former Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce



BRENDA SMITH

Global Director of Government Outreach, Expeditors; former Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection



DAN MULLANEY

Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; former Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East



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TIMOTHY KEELER

After IEEPA: What's Next for Tariffs, Trade, and Presidential Authority

Partner, Co-Leader of International Trade, Mayer Brown; former Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; former Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury



Timothy Keeler is Partner and Co-Leader of International Trade at Mayer Brown. He joined Mayer Brown after a varied career in the US Government, serving at the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR), the US Treasury Department (which chairs CFIUS), and the US Senate Finance Committee.

Timothy also advises and advocates for clients on high-profile International Trade law and policy, including investigations and tariff actions by the USTR under Sec. 301 of the Trade Act of 1974; safeguard investigations and tariff remedies by the International Trade Commission (ITC) and the USTR under Sec. 201 of the Trade Act of 1974; the consistency of various legal regimes – or proposed laws – with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and other international legal obligations; international trade negotiations in the WTO, Free Trade Agreements, and other arrangements; and WTO and other trade agreement litigation.

Timothy was previously the Chief of Staff in the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) from 2006 – 2009, where he oversaw implementation of US policy, strategy and negotiations involving all aspects of international trade and investment matters. He worked on a number of key issues including: climate change and trade; US and China relations; WTO negotiations and litigation; free trade agreement negotiations and implementation; and CFIUS decisions.

Before working for USTR, Timothy spent more than five years at the Treasury Department from 2001 – 2006. He joined the Office of Legislative Affairs in 2001 as a Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for International Issues, where he was responsible for Treasury's legislative strategy on issues including CFIUS, foreign exchange rate policy testimony, appropriations for US funding of the World Bank, and US participation in the International Monetary Fund. He later managed the Office of Legislative Affairs from 2002 – 2006 and assisted on all policy and personnel issues in the Office. This included leading Treasury nominees through the US Senate confirmation process, and legislative strategy on Treasury Intelligence and Anti-Terrorist Financing matters.

Timothy also served on the Presidential Transition Team in 2000–2001 as a policy coordinator on export control and trade remedy policy, handling the Commerce Department's Bureau of Export Administration (now called the Bureau of Industry and Security) and the International Trade Commission (ITC). Earlier in his career (1998-2000), Timothy served as a professional staff member for international trade on the US Senate Finance Committee under Chairman William V. Roth (R-DE).

In recognition of his government service, Timothy was awarded the USTR Distinguished Service Award, the Treasury Distinguished Service Award, and the Treasury Secretary's Honor Award twice.

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RYAN MAJERUS

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He also was the Senior Policy Advisor for Supply Chains at the White House National Economic Council under President Joe Biden, where he played a central role in U.S. industrial strategy. Ryan has been regularly quoted and consulted by major media outlets, including Reuters, Bloomberg, the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Barron's, the Associated Press, AFP, the Detroit Free Press, Pitchbook, Agripulse, and Law360. He has also made TV and radio appearances on the BBC, Street Signs Asia, and Bloomberg Radio.



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He was chief negotiator for comprehensive trade agreements with the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom, as well as trade lead for the US-EU Trade and Technology Council, and was responsible for developing and implementing US trade policy in Europe, Eurasia, Russia, the Middle East, and North Africa.

Before assuming the post of AUSTR, he served as senior trade representative in the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels, where he was the principal voice for US trade policy in interactions with the EU institutions and EU member state governments, the public, and the international press. Prior to that posting, Mullaney was in USTR's Office of General Counsel for seven years, where he represented the United States in dispute settlement proceedings at the World Trade Organization and led negotiations and acted as legal counsel for free trade and other agreements. Before joining USTR, Mullaney was in private practice for nearly twenty years, specializing in international trade law and litigation; when he entered public service, he was a partner at the law firm of Dorsey and Whitney.

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At CBP, she served as the Executive Assistant Commissioner of Trade from 2014 until 2021. In this role, she led CBP's Trade mission, overseeing trade enforcement, security, and facilitation matters to enable legitimate trade, contribute to economic prosperity, and protect against risks to public health and safety. She oversaw national compliance audits, management of trade data and CBP's regulatory process for administering trade and border operations. She partnered with CBP's IT experts to modernize trade automation and apply analytics technologies in the trade environment. Brenda serves as part of Expeditors' delegation to the World Customs Organization Private Sector Consultative Group and on the Advisory Board of FloraTrace Inc. She is also a member of the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) on Customs Matters and Trade Facilitation and a Board Member of the Association of Women in International Trade.



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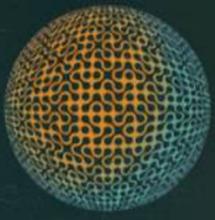
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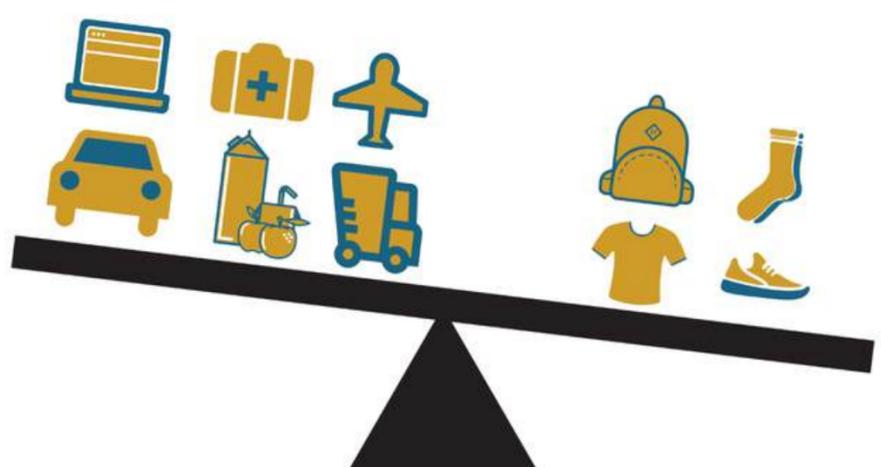
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