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Michael A. Grant is counsel in Dechert's International Trade practice. Mr. Grant advises clients on matters relating to U.S. national security laws, export controls and sanctions, and trade remedies. Mr. Grant focuses his practice on regulatory defense and compliance with sanctions programs promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and export controls, including the Export Administration Regulation (EAR) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). In addition, Mr. Grant works on matters relating to trade remedies before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

Mr. Grant's clients are from an array of industries, including aerospace, banking, defense, energy, financial services, higher education, insurance, manufacturing, pharmaceutical and shipping. Mr. Grant has considerable experience providing counseling, developing license strategies, engineering sanctions compliance programs and negotiating sanctions provisions to U.S. and foreign companies conducting business in OFAC-sanctioned countries.

In the trade remedies sector, Mr. Grant participates in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations before the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission and works with companies threaten with trade remedy actions to establish AD/CVD monitoring systems. Mr. Grant's practice involves negotiating trade remedy disputes with the USTR and preparing clients and expert witness oral and written for USTR hearings. Mr. Grant also maintains an active practice before CBP negotiating seizures, submitting administrative protests and negotiating duty liabilities.

Along with providing legal guidance and services to clients, Mr. Grant routinely conducts in-person training on export controls to private sector companies in technology, defense and manufacturing. He has consistently been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as an “International Rising Star.”

Prior to joining Dechert, Mr. Grant was an associate at a well-known international law firm. Before attending law school at Georgetown University, Mr. Grant spent a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps NW in Aberdeen, Washington, running an afterschool program. Afterward, he worked for non-profits focusing on child development.

EXPERIENCE

- Conducted internal investigations, prepared voluntary disclosures and designed company-wide compliance programs pursuant to the ITAR, EAR and OFAC sanctions.
- Designed a compliance program and provided training for a defense contractor operating in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Counseled a U.S. technology company in the reclassification of encryption commodities.
- Designed reclassification protocols for client products and technologies transitioning regulatory regimes pursuant to Export Control Reform.
- Represented a client threatened with retaliatory tariffs before the United States Trade Representative.
- Assisted companies in identifying CFIUS covered transactions and filed CFIUS voluntary notices.

Includes matters handled at Dechert or prior to joining the firm.

EDUCATION

- Fairfield University, B.A., 2003, with Distinction, Fairfield University Honors Program, Phi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honors Society)
- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2009, Executive Articles Editor of *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

EXTERNAL ARTICLES

- “White House, Congress Signal Potential Crackdown on Slave Labor, Trade Law Violations,” *National Law Journal*, (Oct. 29, 2020).
- "Compliance Masterclass: Mapping your company’s export-controlled technology," *World Export Compliance Manager*, 4 (2020).
- “Coronavirus: Update on US Controls and other Compliance Issues” *WorldECR*, 88 (2020).

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law 360's 2021 International Trade Editorial Advisory Board

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Virtual EAR Passport Series, “MODULE 3, Part II: Deemed Exports and Technology Transfers”** — American Conference Institute, Webinar (November 11, 2020)
- **12th Advanced Export Controls Forum on International Technology Transfers** — American Conference Institute, Webinar (June 12, 2020)
- **Export Controls and Cloud Computing: Complying With ITAR, EAR and Sanctions Laws** — Strafford Publications, Inc., Webinar (April 4, 2019)
- **Managing Your Third-Party Channel Partners - USG Concerns, Due Diligence and Risk Management Scenarios** — Society for International Affairs 2018 Fall International Trade Export Licensing & Compliance Conference, Arlington, VA (October 23, 2018)