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Sean Kane is Counsel in Dechert's International Trade Group and advises clients on a broad range of matters relating to U.S. and international economic and trade sanctions, anti-money laundering, illicit finance and corruption, internal investigations, and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). As the former Deputy Assistant Director for Policy in the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Mr. Kane played a key role in implementing high-profile sanction policies and programs involving numerous countries including Iran, North Korea, Russia, Cuba, Syria and Sudan, as well as programs related to counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics.

Throughout his time with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Mr. Kane cultivated invaluable, firsthand experience engaging in international outreach with foreign governments and the private sector, as well as in depth knowledge of complex licensing and enforcement matters. Working closely with interagency partners at the National Security Council (NSC), U.S. Department of State and the Bureau of Industry and Security at the U.S. Department of Commerce, he shaped the development and implementation of U.S. sanctions policy, including the drafting of new sanctions authorities and OFAC regulations. Mr. Kane also engaged with Congress on pending or proposed sanctions legislation, and worked closely with counterparts at the Treasury Department on AML and illicit finance issues as well as CFIUS matters.

Mr. Kane is an active professional in the international trade community, providing insight for media outlets such as BBC Radio 5 and National Public Radio's Civics 101 Podcast. He is regularly featured in articles by news sites and legal publications such as Vox.com, Forbes.com, *Law 360*, *The Hill*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Global Investigations Review* and the Associated Press. Mr. Kane has also authored articles for *Global Trade*, *WorldECR*, *The Export Practitioner* and *Law360*.

Prior to his employment with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Mr. Kane worked as Head of Risk Consultancy at the AKE Group in London and as a Global Risk Analyst in the London office of Merchant International Group.

EDUCATION

- University of Florida, B.A., 1998, *cum laude*
- University of Utrecht, Certificate in European Politics and Integration, 1998
- George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2002, With Honors

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Trade and Investment as a Tool of Foreign Policy** — New England Legal Foundation, Boston (June 12, 2019)
- **Export Controls and Cloud Computing: Complying With ITAR, EAR and Sanctions Laws** — Strafford Publications, Inc., Webinar (April 4, 2019)
- **Trade Talk: US Sanctions, Export Controls, and Other Trade Tools** — The Association of Women in International Trade, Washington, D.C. (March 5, 2019)