




National Security

HIGHLIGHTS

-  **Advising Clients Engaged in Global Commerce and Trade**
Wilson Sonsini advises clients on sensitive global commerce areas that are commonly regulated by U.S. government enforcement agencies.
-  **Comprehensive Regulatory Counsel and Representation**
Wilson Sonsini's national security attorneys advise clients on the applicability of government restrictions and licensing requirements; help companies obtain government approvals; represent clients facing government inquiries and investigations; advise companies on internal and board investigations; and undertake diligence and negotiations in conjunction with investments and mergers and acquisitions.
-  **A Team Anchored by Former U.S. Enforcement Agency Officials**
Wilson Sonsini's national security attorneys have served as officials in the U.S. Departments of Defense (both civilian and military officers), Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, the CIA, and the White House.

OVERVIEW

Wilson Sonsini has a highly regarded national security practice group. Our national security group includes many attorneys ranked nationally and internationally by various ranking services. We advise clients—ranging from U.S. and foreign investors, to large multinational companies, to small start-ups, to industry associations—regarding an array of U.S. national security, foreign policy, and related legal issues, including the following:

- [The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States \(CFIUS\)](#)
- [Export Controls and Sanctions](#)
- [Corruption, Bribery, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act \(FCPA\)](#)
- [Anti-Money Laundering](#)
- [Government Contracts, including Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence \(FOCI\)](#)
- [Team Telecom & the Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\)](#)

Clients seek our advice regarding the applicability of various government prohibitions and licensing requirements and other approvals; assistance with obtaining such approvals; government inquiries and investigations, internal company and board investigations, and diligence and negotiations regarding investments and mergers and acquisitions.

National security issues arise frequently for technology and life science companies and investors, particularly in the context of cross-border transactions and the movements of goods, technology, people, services, and money. We are well-positioned to navigate these issues, drawing not only on our industry experience but also on our experience in the U.S. government. Our national security attorneys have served as officials in the U.S. Departments of Defense (both civilian and military officers), Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, the CIA, and the White House. We can serve as a bridge between clients and Washington, D.C.

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