



## Christian C. Contardo

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With over 15 years of legal experience, including more than a decade serving as a national security attorney in the federal government, Christian now advises clients in the technology, finance, and industrial sectors on a variety of national security, global trade, and privacy issues.

His deep knowledge of government policies concerning economic sanctions, data privacy and security, and financial intelligence enhance his ability to effectively counsel entities on Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) reviews, import and export control, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions, government investigations, compliance programs, and potential risks to global transactions.

Christian advises on federal government contract matters, including agreements for foreign military sales under the Arms Export Control Act. He also works with defense contractors and subcontractors on related issues such as Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance, export controls, foreign ownership and control, and facility clearance.

While serving as an attorney advisor to the Department of the Treasury, Christian provided legal guidance on matters involving the Bank Secrecy Act, intelligence, economic sanctions, CFIUS, counterintelligence/insider threat programs, anti-money laundering, security clearance investigations, information security, and data privacy.

Earlier, he worked at the Department of Justice, National Security Division, where he represented the government before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. In addition, he served as a deputy chief for national security law at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS/ICE), advising leadership on legal and policy issues in federal investigations involving immigration, counterterrorism, espionage, visa security, fraud, and export control.

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

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### Publications

- > July 17, 2020  
**"DOE's Recent RFI Specifies "Foreign Adversaries"—What Does It Mean?,"** *Global Trade & Policy Client Alert*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Abbey E. Baker, Christian C. Contardo
- > July 3, 2020  
**"Feds reach into real estate deals extended in name of national security,"** *Real Estate Weekly*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Ted Hunter, Abbey E. Baker, Christian C. Contardo
- > June 22, 2020  
**"Opportunities for Technology Companies to be Matched with Investors by Department of Defense,"** *Homeland Security Today*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Abbey E. Baker, Christian C. Contardo
- > June 9, 2020  
**"U.S. Government Issues Updated Sanctions Warning,"** *American Journal of Transportation*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Zarema A. Jaramillo, Christian C. Contardo
- > May 15, 2020  
**"U.S. Government Issues Updated Sanctions Warning to Maritime Shipping Community; Recommends Best Practices to Mitigate Risk,"** *Global Trade & Policy Client Alert*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Zarema A. Jaramillo, Christian C. Contardo
- > April 27, 2020  
**"DOD Seeks to Match Investors With Technology Companies,"** *Global Trade & Policy Client Alert*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Abbey E. Baker, Christian C. Contardo
- > April 27, 2020  
**"CFIUS—What Is It & What Effect Does It Have on Foreign Investors?,"** *Lowenstein Sandler LLP*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Abbey E. Baker, Christian C. Contardo

- > April 10, 2020  
**"Significant Criminal Conviction Illustrates Importance of Experienced Sanctions Counsel,"** *White Collar Criminal Defense Client Alert*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Rachel Maimin, Abbey E. Baker, Christian C. Contardo
- > March 30, 2020  
**"Tips For Cos. Confronting Pandemic Impact On Global Trade,"** *Law360*  
Doreen M. Edelman, Zarema A. Jaramillo, Christian C. Contardo

### In the Media

- > March 16-17; March 23, 2020  
The arrival of former U.S. Treasury national security lawyer **Christian C. Contardo** to Lowenstein's **Global Trade & Policy** practice in the firm's Washington, D.C., office is noted in **Bloomberg Law, Washington Business Journal, General Counsel News, The Washington Post, Reuters,** and **The Deal**. Contardo has over a decade of experience in federal agencies such the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Treasury, including with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

## EDUCATION

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- > National Intelligence University (M.S. 2015), strategic intelligence
- > American University Washington College of Law (J.D. 2005); senior staff, *American University Law Review*
- > Lewis and Clark College (B.A. 2000)

## ADMISSIONS

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- > District of Columbia
- > New York