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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, (B.A.)

College of William and Mary Law School, (J.D.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of International Trade

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Compliance and Monitorships

Corporate

Customs

European Services

Export Controls

Foreign Investment and National Security

Foreign Trade Zones

Greater China and South East Asia

International Business

International Services

International Trade

David M. Spooner is a partner in the Corporate Department and Co-Chair of the International Trade Practice Group. David represents governments, trade associations, and corporate clients on international trade matters, including trade remedies, trade policy and customs issues. He uses his past experience as a high-level political appointee in the Executive Branch and on Capitol Hill to assist clients with their advocacy efforts before both branches of government, as well as before foreign governments.

Prior to entering private practice, David served as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration. In that capacity, David led U.S. Government enforcement of trade remedy laws, principally the antidumping and anti-subsidy laws. He administered the Foreign Trade Zone system; oversaw apparel trade policy and the implementation of laws governing trade in apparel; managed trade remedy negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as dispute resolution proceedings at the WTO; chaired U.S.-China talks on macroeconomic reforms and the steel industry; and supervised the US Department of Commerce's import safety initiatives.

Prior to his Senate confirmation as Assistant Secretary, David served as the Chief Textile and Apparel Negotiator and Transition Coordinator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). While at USTR, he was a principal negotiator for free trade agreements with Central America, the Dominican Republic, Singapore, Australia, Chile, Panama, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Colombia and Peru, principally negotiating customs enforcement, apparel and textile, origin and safeguard provisions. He was heavily involved in building support for congressional passage of the Bush Administration's trade agenda. David also negotiated a comprehensive apparel trade agreement with China and concluded bilateral customs and quota arrangements with several nations.

Before his appointment to USTR, David worked on Capitol Hill, managing the Washington D.C. office and serving as the legislative director and press secretary for a member of Congress, serving as Communications Director for the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, and working for the

U.S. House Committee on Rules, which manages debate and amendments in the House of Representatives.

David is a noted speaker at industry events with a particular focus on the regulatory issues facing retailers and apparel brands. He is often quoted in news stories on trade remedy disputes and trade agreement negotiations.

David earned his J.D. from the College of William & Mary School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Virginia.

He is admitted to practice in Washington, D.C., and Virginia and before the U.S. Court of International Trade and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Japanese Services

Supply Chain

Trade Negotiations, Legislation and Policy

Trade Remedies

INDUSTRIES

Agriculture and Food

Associations and Foundations

Federal Contracting, Procurement and National Security

Federal Government Relations and Lobbying

Government and Public Finance

Government Services

Manufacturing

Nonprofit

Public Policy and Lobbying