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## Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, 2003 (merit scholarship, with honors)

M.A., Stanford University, 1996 (merit scholarship)

B.A., Kalamazoo College, 1994 (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)

## Bar Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of International Trade

Connecticut

New York

District of Columbia

## Languages

Japanese

Nathaniel Bolin represents clients on a variety of transactional, litigation, policy and regulatory matters involving U.S. export controls, trade remedies, customs laws, government procurement and related areas of international trade law.

He regularly advises buyers, sellers and investors on the impact of the U.S. export controls and customs laws on potential, pending and completed deals. He also counsels clients on strategic use of those laws, U.S. trade remedy laws, existing bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and ongoing negotiations of new trade agreements to grow a client's business and add value to its investments. In connection with his work on export control and ITAR matters, Mr. Bolin recently was appointed by the assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs to serve on the U.S. State Department's Defense Trade Advisory Group for the 2016-2018 term.

In trade litigation, Mr. Bolin frequently appears on behalf of clients before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Commerce and binational panels convened pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement. He also provides legal and policy advice on matters related to bilateral, regional and multilateral trade agreements including the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and WTO Doha Round.

Recent significant representations include:

- Nokia Corporation regarding export control matters in connection with its acquisition of Alcatel-Lucent;
- CF Industries regarding export control and customs compliance in the United States and other markets;
- Merck KGaA (Germany) on export control issues in connection with its \$17 billion acquisition of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation;
- DSV A/S on export control and customs issues related to its acquisition of UTi Worldwide Inc.;
- United States Steel Corporation in trade remedy litigation against imports of unfairly traded oil country tubular goods;
- Dell Inc. concerning export control and trade law compliance;
- a major U.S.-based producer of computers and smartphones in connection with export control issues related to its acquisition of a software company;
- a producer of computer storage devices and other peripherals on U.S. export controls on encryption and cryptography in connection with its proposed acquisition of a technology company;
- several international oilfield service and supply companies concerning compliance with U.S. restrictions on exports of oil and gas drilling equipment to Russia;
- investors in U.S. crude oil production assets on controls limiting exports of crude oil from the United States;

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- Dassault Systèmes concerning U.S. export control law compliance;
  - a multinational pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer on potential use of bonded warehouses to minimize duty payments and customs fees;
  - a major U.S. real-estate investment company in connection with the establishment of customs warehouses and processing facilities;
  - an internet infrastructure company in connection with export control compliance questions arising from three separate deals involving the purchase or sale of international IT companies;
  - a manufacturer of desktop computers and other consumer devices on compliance with new U.S. export controls on exports of goods, technology and software to Russia;
  - a satellite electronics and aerospace company on U.S. export controls related to its sale of certain assets to a private equity investor;
  - a U.S. producer of agricultural chemicals on U.S. and foreign customs laws affecting its imports and exports of certain fertilizer products;
  - an acquirer of a Mexican-based producer of auto parts and accessories on the impact of U.S. customs laws on the proposed deal;
  - a Canadian investor on customs and trade law compliance issues in connection with its purchase of a financial interest in a multi-national processed food producer;
  - a leading clothing and lifestyle brand on compliance and reporting obligations under the North American Free Trade Agreement and U.S. customs laws in connection with trade in textiles, apparel and consumer products; and
  - a private equity investor on U.S. customs laws related to the acquisition of a leading provider of U.S. customs brokerage and duty drawback services.

In addition to his work on international trade law matters, Mr. Bolin serves on the *Law360* International Trade Editorial Advisory Board and teaches courses for LL.M. students in the International and Comparative Law program at George Washington University Law School. He frequently writes and speaks to international audiences on current issues related to U.S. export controls, customs laws, trade agreements and trade remedy laws.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Bolin was involved in trade negotiations and trade agreements enforcement and compliance at the International Trade Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. He also was a law clerk at the Office of the Legal Advisor at the U.S. Department of State where he worked on regulatory and litigation matters including investor-state arbitration and proceedings before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague. Mr. Bolin has studied and worked in Japan for several years and is fluent in Japanese.