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## Publications

"Negotiations for New International Services Trade Agreement Offer Business Opportunities," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, February 4, 2013

"US Challenges China's Automobile and Auto Parts Export Policies at the WTO," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, October 23, 2012

Jim Hecht concentrates in complex trade litigation and policy advice regarding legislative and executive branch initiatives across a wide spectrum of issues.

Mr. Hecht served as chief counsel to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott in the 106th Congress (1999-2000). In addition to oversight responsibilities for judicial nominations and legal matters affecting the Senate, Mr. Hecht handled a wide range of issues before the Senate Judiciary Committee, including bankruptcy reform, antitrust, intellectual property, crime, and oversight of the Department of Justice and the courts. Mr. Hecht also had responsibility for the trade portfolio before the Senate Finance Committee, including oversight of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the trade functions at the Department of Commerce, Treasury, the Customs Service and the International Trade Commission. He worked extensively in the 106th Congress on the passage of permanent normal trade relations for China, the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (Africa and CBI Trade Preferences), and the Foreign Sales Corporation Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act.

Among his activities in national politics, Mr. Hecht acted on behalf of the Bush-Cheney transition as policy coordinator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He also served as a policy and platform adviser to the Dole for president campaign in 1996, as well as serving as a regional lawyer responsible for ballot access in five states.

Before joining Majority Leader Lott's office in 1999, Mr. Hecht practiced in Skadden's International Trade Group from 1993-1999. He advised clients in a variety of regulatory matters and litigation before the Department of Commerce, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the Customs Service, the International Trade Commission, the Court of International Trade and NAFTA dispute resolution panels.

From 1991-1993, Mr. Hecht practiced civil litigation at a firm in Houston.

Mr. Hecht has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Who's Who Legal*. He also was named one of the 2013 "BTI Client Service All-Stars" by The BTI Consulting Group for providing outstanding client service.