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Mario focuses his practice on global supply chain counseling, advising US and foreign manufacturers on various international trade regulatory matters, including imports and customs compliance, forced labor, and antidumping and countervailing duties.



Industries

[Energy & Cleantech](#)
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Practices

[International Trade & Investment](#)

Languages

Spanish

Education

The George Washington University Law School, JD
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Mario represents both US and international manufacturers, providing guidance on existing and emerging international trade laws and regulations that impact global supply chains.

His practice encompasses a wide range of regulatory compliance issues, including product classification under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), conducting country of origin assessments, and addressing concerns related to forced labor. Mario is adept at navigating complex tariff regulations, including Section 301 and 232 duties, and is well-versed in the intricacies of free trade agreements. He also provides strategic advice on antidumping and countervailing duties, as well as reshoring and nearshoring strategies.

With extensive experience in customs and trade litigation, Mario is uniquely positioned to counsel companies on building more resilient supply chains. He offers strategic insights into risk management and identifies opportunities for duty savings, helping clients optimize their operations and maintain competitive advantage.

Client Work

- Represented a Vietnamese pipe manufacturing company in a Department of Commerce AD/CVD circumvention inquiry.
- Counseled a major foreign tire producer and a US purchaser of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin in AD/CVD sunset review proceedings before the US International Trade Commission.
- Advised a Mexican pipe company in multiple administrative review proceedings before the Department of Commerce.
- Advised and obtained Department of Commerce approval for reexport transactions of uranium material in connection with the Suspension Agreement on Uranium from the Russian Federation.
- Advised a global exercise and media company on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification, country of origin determination and marking, and valuation of its exercise equipment products and accessories.

- Advised a multinational wind turbine manufacturer on a US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) forced labor audit of the company's supply chain.
- Counseled a global crane manufacturing company in connection with a Department of Commerce Section 232 investigation of imports of mobile cranes.
 - Advised a large Mexican recycling and compounding company on the origin of its goods under the USMCA.
 - Represented various companies in the Court of International Trade challenging the legal validity of the Section 301 List 3 and 4 tariffs.
 - Prepared and obtained Section 301 exclusions and extensions on behalf of multiple clients, including a major US city, concerning a sculpture made by a world-renowned artist.
 - Advised a major Belgian chemicals company on a CBP request for information involving products imported under the General System of Preferences program.

Previous Work

Prior to entering the private sector, Mario served as an International Attorney-Advisor at the US Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA). While there, Mario advised the ITA on the World Trade Organization's different trade agreements (e.g., Technical Barriers to Trade, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Trade Facilitation Agreement) and was an active member of the US Delegation to the WTO. Mario also advised senior policy officials on Section 232 and its related investigations.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Mario's publications include:

- [“Trump, Trade and Tariffs Tariffs Tariffs! How the Second Trump Administration's Trade Policy Could Affect the Fashion and Retail Industry,”](#) *Retail Touchpoints*, December 2024
- [“Guide on International & Regional Standards for LGBTQ Rights,”](#) *Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice*, October 2024
- [“Imported Products Containing an Aluminum Extrusion Part or Any Extruded Aluminum Are Subject to Countervailing Duties; Additional Antidumping Duties Are on the Horizon,”](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal (Volume 1, Number 4)*, July - August 2024
- [“Navigating the Complexities of Forced Labor Laws,”](#) *ArentFox Schiff's 2024 Guide for Global Businesses*, February 2024
- [“BIS Proposes Changes to Section 232 Exclusion Process,”](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal (Volume 1, Number 1)*, January - February 2024
- [“UFLPA Enforcement Continues,”](#) *Practical ESG*, December 19, 2023
- [“Perilous Prejudice: LGBTQ+ Rights in Uganda and Beyond,”](#) *New York State Bar Association*, December 13, 2023

Mario's presentations include:

- [“Navigating Trade Remedies: Import Compliance Strategies in a Shifting US Trade Policy Landscape,”](#) *Professional Association of Exporters and Importers Event*, January 22, 2025
- [“LGBTQ+ Legal Challenges: Global Perspectives and Pro Bono Solutions,”](#) *Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Human Rights Day 2024*, December 10, 2024
- [“Keeping Cool Amidst Hot Import Topics,”](#) *Professional Association of Exporters and Importers Webinar*, August 22, 2024
- [“Summary of Forced Labor Developments,”](#) *Truck Trailers Manufacturers Association Meeting*, July 24, 2024
- [“Forced Labour Rules Across CUSMA,”](#) *The Canadian Transportation Equipment Association Webinar*, May 15, 2024

Life Beyond the Law

Mario is a native Spanish speaker. He enjoys international travel, and often returns to Bolivia, where he grew up and spent his formative years.

Bar Admissions

[District of Columbia](#)

Court Admissions

[US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit](#)

[US Court of International Trade](#)