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THE FIRM

Covington & Burling is the leading firm for export controls issues, helping financial institutions and IT and electronics companies, among others, with conducting internal investigations, developing compliance programs and representing them before the authorities. The practitioners also boast expertise in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) matters, and represented the China Investment Corporation before CFIUS on its proposed \$1.58 billion investment into AES. Clients like Microsoft, Goodyear and PhRMA turn to the firm for advice on trade policy and regulatory concerns, such as market access and Buy American provisions. Sources say: *“The lawyers combine technical skills with political judgments that are unparalleled.”*

KEY INDIVIDUALS

A veteran export control lawyer, **PETER TROOBOFF** continues to be an active adviser on enforcement, regulatory and compliance matters stemming from trade controls. **PETER FLANAGAN** is *“the kind of person who can really engage in a dialog with a client and give stellar legal advice on almost any matter.”* Flanagan specializes in export controls and is frequently called to advise and represent companies involved in enforcement actions before government agencies. **MARK PLOTKIN** is one of the leading CFIUS lawyers in the USA. He *“gives everything a critical eye and is able to understand the nuances of policy issues.”* **DAVID FAGAN** is *“off the charts for CFIUS: his levels of insight and strategic thinking are beyond his years.”* **TOM JOHNSON** is called upon by companies in various industries including agriculture, healthcare, pharmaceuticals and energy for his knowledge of the FCPA as well as antibribery laws in foreign jurisdictions. **STU EIZENSTAT** heads the group and is a respected figure for policy matters, particularly for his knowledge of climate change issues. **JOHN VERONEAU** is a former deputy United States Trade Representative (USTR), well acquainted with the challenges of trade policy and US trade law, as well as defending challenges before the WTO.

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