# Covington CFIUS Experience: Autonomous Vehicles/Systems

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# **Global Reach**

Our distinctively collaborative culture allows us to be truly one team globally, drawing on the diverse experience of lawyers and advisors across the firm by seamlessly sharing insight and expertise.



#### **North America**

100 years of developing comprehensive business and legal solutions for our clients' most challenging business opportunities and disputes.

#### Europe

We advise on a wide array of corporate transactions, life sciences and technology matters, international disputes, competition issues, and privacy and data security matters; complemented by the largest public policy team in Europe.

#### Latin America

Strong ties with business leaders and senior government officials. 50+ years of experience in the region.

#### Africa

Significant project development and finance capabilities and 40+ years of experience across the continent, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa for the Clinton Administration.

#### **Middle East**

Our lawyers have lived and worked across the region for 30+ years; significant energy and infrastructure project experience and practical local knowledge.

#### Asia

Decades of experience advising both inbound and outbound investments and disputes. Hard-to-find combination of FCPA/investigations, transactional expertise, and competition and privacy capabilities.

# **Overview of CFIUS Practice**

### \$400+ billion

in transactions for the world's most sophisticated investors and transaction parties

### **Representative Accolades**

• *Chambers USA* 2023 CFIUS (Nationwide) – Band 1

• Only firm with two CFIUS partners ranked in top tier of *Chambers USA* 

Described as **"field leading,"** Covington **"lawyers combine technical skills with political judgments that are unparalleled"** *Chambers USA* 

- Deepest CFIUS team of any firm in the world widely recognized for our leading CFIUS practice.
  - Twice named "Dealmakers of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*: 2016 (CFIUS approval for GLOBALFOUNDRIES' \$1.5 billion acquisition of IBM's semiconductor unit) and 2019 (CFIUS-based defense of Qualcomm against the hostile takeover bid by Broadcom).
  - Team includes former Cabinet and sub-Cabinet level officials from virtually every CFIUS member agency, including Treasury, State, Commerce, Energy, Homeland Security, Defense, Justice, and USTR.
- Handled the leading transactions involving autonomous systems and vehicles.
  - Secured CFIUS approval for Midea Group in its acquisition of KUKA Systems.
  - In the autonomous vehicle space, we have secured CFIUS approval for joint ventures involving Aptiv, Argo AI, and Uber, among others.
- Representations have included the leading-edge transactions in other related sectors, including aerospace and defense, advanced technologies, IoT, software, and transportation systems.

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## Representative Autonomous Vehicles/Systems Transactions

- Represented **Aptiv** in the formation of its \$4 billion autonomous driving joint venture with Hyundai.
- Represented Argo AI in its \$2.6 billion investment by Volkswagen, including the contribution of Volkswagen's autonomous vehicle business.
- Represented **BAE Systems** in its acquisition of Riptide Autonomous Solutions, LLC.
- Represented **Fosun International** in its acquisition of FFT Group.
- Represented Kion Group (including 40% investment by Weichai) in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Dematic.
- Represented **Midea Group** in its \$5 billion acquisition of KUKA Systems.
- Represented Rolls-Royce in its acquisition of R.O.V. Technologies, Inc. by RollsRoyce's technical services subsidiary, R. Brooks Associates.
- Represented Uber in the \$1 billion investment by SoftBank, Toyota, and Denso in Uber's Advanced Technologies Group.

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