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David is Partner-in-Charge of Wiggin and Dana's Washington, D.C. office, Chair of the International Trade Compliance Practice, and Co-Chair of the White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice.

David provides counsel to some of the world's largest aerospace and defense companies, conducting internal investigations, enhancing compliance programs, and interfacing with U.S. government regulators and enforcement authorities. David has twice served as a U.S. State Department-appointed Special Compliance Officer (SCO/monitor). David also defends companies and individuals subject to criminal enforcement actions nationwide.

In addition to export and sanctions, David represents clients in a variety of criminal and regulatory matters, to include FCPA, "Chinese scholar" investigations, espionage, and more.

David has held senior positions at United Technologies Corporation (UTC), including Global Director of Compliance Investigations; Associate General Counsel for International Trade Compliance for Hamilton Sundstrand; and Director of Business Practices for the Americas.

Before UTC, David served 17 years in the Department of Justice, including as a Trial Attorney in the Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C., and as a Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Connecticut, where his cases involved national security, public corruption, complex financial crime, and murder.

David clerked for the Hon. Karen LeCraft Henderson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College. David is an avid trail runner, rower, and backpacker; and teaches law at an inner-city high school, which he's done for many years.

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1990)
 - magna cum laude
- Harvard College (B.A., 1987)

- summa cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- New York

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court (District of Connecticut)
- US District Court (Southern District of New York)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity
 - Former Member, Board of Directors
- District of Connecticut Criminal Justice Act Panel
 - Former Member, Board of Overseers
- Connecticut Bar Association
 - Former Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Publications

February 25, 2026

Applied Materials Enforcement Action: BIS Penalizes U.S. Company that Offshored Manufacturing to Avoid U.S. Export Requirements for Chinese Military End User and Entity List Party

September 23, 2022

David Ring and Sean Koehler Co-Author an Article on Changes to OEE Enforcement Policy and Voluntary Self-Disclosure Calculus

October 5, 2021

OFAC Issues New General Licenses Authorizing Limited Work with Taliban

July 19, 2021

“Growing Pressure on U.S. Universities to Police Against Chinese Influence”

November 13, 2020

An Extreme Version of Good: Lessons From Companies Under Consent Agreement

July 14, 2020

U.S. Government Issues Section 889 Part B Interim Rule

April 29, 2020

BIS Broadens Prohibition on Exports to China, Russia and Venezuela for Military End Users or Military End

Use, Requires EEI Filing for almost all Non-EAR99 Exports to these Destinations, Irrespective of Value or Sensitivity, Eliminates License Exception CIV (re NS Items to D1 Countries), and Proposes Eliminating APR for D1 Countries

April 29, 2020

Partners David Ring and Tahlia Townsend's Advisory Published by The National Law Review

The National Law Review

January 10, 2020

Wiggin and Dana Advisory Published in The Daily Bugle

The Daily Bugle

January 9, 2020

Department of Justice Enhances Incentives to Submit Voluntary Self-Disclosures for Criminal Violations of Export Control and Sanctions Laws

January 6, 2020

Court Vacates \$2 Million OFAC Penalty Imposed on Exxon Mobil in Ukraine Sanctions Case

May 15, 2019

DOJ and OFAC Provide Guidance on Agencies' Expectations for Corporate Compliance Programs

March 11, 2019

Un-Empowered Official: Department of State Fines Exporter for Unqualified EO

August 31, 2018

Hiring U.S. Citizens Only For ITAR Compliance Can Violate The Immigration and Nationality Act

July 15, 2018

Departments of State and Commerce Issue Proposed Revisions to Rules on the Export of Firearms and Ammunition

WorldECR

April 3, 2017

The Compliance Monitor Dilemma

New York Law Journal, Volume 257, No. 62

November 30, 2016

DOJ wants your U.S. export controls and sanctions disclosures: what's the impact?

WorldECR

October 27, 2014

The Rise of 'Failure to Prevent' Crimes and CCO Liability

New York Law Journal Compliance Special Section

June 18, 2014

Export Basics For The UAV Industry

March 17, 2014

Commerce Department Hints at Broadening Export Enforcement