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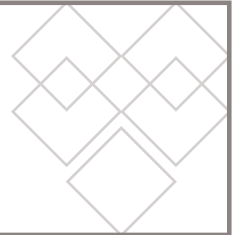
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Kara Bombach is chair of Greenberg Traurig's Washington, DC International Trade Group. She represents both investors and targets of investment, whether foreign or domestic, before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). To address potential national security risks, she assists clients in mitigating foreign ownership, control or influence as may be required by CFIUS or US national industrial security regulations. She advises clients on the US Outbound Investment Security Program, implemented by the US Department of the Treasury as of January 2025, which prohibits and/or imposes reporting requirements on certain outbound US investment involving China.

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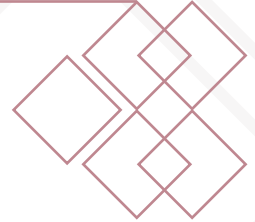
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Q&A WITH KARA M. BOMBACH

**Could you describe your approach to tackling complex legal challenges?
What principles or philosophies guide your work?**

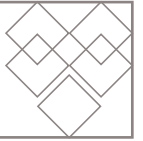
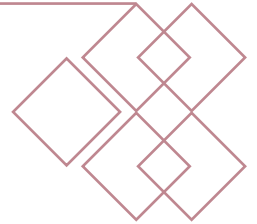
◆ Frequently, clients approach us with a specific legal question, normally in a complex legal and regulatory tangle. My approach is to step back and assess, not only how to find the answer to the question, but to understand the problem that the client is trying to solve. They are looking to us for creative, practical and collaborative problem-solving skills to help them find their path. Good lawyers answer questions. Great lawyers solve problems creatively and help their clients see around corners. The key to greatness, I think, is understanding what is behind a given question. What are the client's motivations, limitations, goals and concerns? What are the potential consequences of the choices they make based on our advice? Understanding these factors is the only way to provide meaningful and actionable legal advice.

What qualities and values do you believe are essential for building strong, trusting relationships with clients?

◆ Genuine interest in understanding a client's business, motivations, priorities, culture and goals is the key to building a strong relationship. Curiosity and understanding are what we need as lawyers to understand the problems our clients are trying to solve, rather than viewing our mandate as simply answering legal and regulatory questions. It is only possible to provide meaningful advice to clients, if we understand the 'why' behind the question.

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**What are your predictions for the future of your legal specialty? How do you see your vocation evolving over the next few years?**

◆ International trade and national security sectors are always dynamic and inherently tied to foreign policy. The next few years will be no exception. From the US perspective, under Trump 2.0, we can expect continued use of executive orders and policy announcements that impact cross-border trade. Indirect trade issues involving China will likely gain attention – for example, will the US exert explicit pressure on Mexico to adopt CFIUS-like national security review on Chinese inbound investment into Mexico? From the US outbound investment standpoint, an entirely new regime goes online in January 2025 that restricts and requires reporting on certain outbound investment to China, even indirect to targets in third countries with significant Chinese ownership or control. So, the national security space will continue to present new and different legal and regulatory challenges, and lawyers in this space need to remain agile and adaptable to the changing landscape. ■

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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Represented the asset management unit of Seoul, Korea-based Mirae Asset Financial Group before CFIUS in obtaining CFIUS clearance within the statutory minimum CFIUS 45-day review period for Mirae's \$5.8bn acquisition of a 15-hotel portfolio in the US from Anbang Insurance Group Co.
- ◆ Represented BioTelemetry, Inc. before CFIUS in its pending \$2.8bn acquisition by Royal Philips N.V.
- ◆ Represented Canon Inc. before CFIUS for its acquisition of Molecular Imprints, Inc.
- ◆ Represented AB Volvo before CFIUS for the sale of its aerospace business to GKN plc for £700m.
- ◆ Advised TTM Technologies, Inc. in its acquisition of Meadville Holdings, Ltd. printed circuit board business, with a total transaction value of approximately \$900m.
- ◆ Negotiated a special security agreement with the US Department of Defence on behalf of a US company acquired by a foreign investor.
- ◆ Prepared, notified and negotiated approval by CFIUS on behalf of a US engineering services firm acquired by a UK company.

