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PRACTICES

Business and Human Rights
Customs & Import Trade
FCPA & International Anti-Corruption
Trade Policy

REGIONS

Asia-Pacific
Europe-Caucasus-Asia
Latin America

EDUCATION

J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 2007
B.A., University of Michigan, *cum laude*, 2004

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Richard A. Mojica

MEMBER
PRACTICE LEAD, CUSTOMS & IMPORT TRADE

Richard Mojica counsels companies on how to minimize the cost of importing merchandise into the United States through strategic customs planning. Companies also turn to Mr. Mojica for counseling on customs enforcement matters, including audits, investigations, and penalty cases. *Chambers USA* has recognized Mr. Mojica for his "broad customs based practice," noting that clients say he is "reliable, responsive, friendly and very easy to communicate with," and he "knows how to set the expectations and is willing to go above and beyond to deliver."

Mr. Mojica has a successful track record of helping companies develop and implement [trade compliance programs](#) covering topics such as tariff classification, valuation, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and other free trade agreements, country of origin marking, intellectual property rights (IPR) enforcement, duty drawback, AD/CVD orders, and anti-forced labor compliance.

He has assisted companies in the apparel, solar, and agriculture industries comply with anti-forced labor laws, including the U.S. prohibition on the importation of products made with forced labor (19 USC §1307). In that context, he has led efforts to successfully challenge merchandise detentions and modify the scope of Withhold Release Orders (WROs). Mr. Mojica regularly comments on the issues of forced labor and WROs in the media, including in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Politico*, drawing on his extensive work in these areas.

In addition, Mr. Mojica advises clients on U.S. anti-corruption compliance matters, particularly those involving customs-related issues and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). He routinely assists with internal investigations in Latin America given his language skills and familiarity with the local culture.

Mr. Mojica previously served as an attorney with U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) Office of Regulations and Rulings. While at CBP, Mr. Mojica was a U.S. delegate to the World Customs Organization in Brussels and was part of the U.S. government team that litigated the EC-IT Products case at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Prior to joining Miller & Chevalier, he was in private practice at Baker McKenzie.

Government Experience

- Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of International Trade - Regulations & Rulings, 2008 - 2012

Rankings and Recognition

- *Chambers USA*: International Trade: Customs (Nationwide), 2021 - 2022
- *Chambers Global*: International Trade: Customs (USA), 2022
- *Latinvex* Latin America's Rising Legal Stars: FCPA & Fraud, 2021; Tax & Trade, 2021
- *Who's Who Legal*: Trade & Customs, 2021
- *Law360* Rising Star, 2018
- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2018
- *Legal 500*: Dispute Resolution: International Trade, 2022
- *Legal 500*: Litigation: International Trade, 2015

Admissions

STATE ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Illinois

Clerkships

- Judicial Law Clerk, Inter-American Court of Human Rights (Organization of American States), San Jose, Costa Rica