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Augustine counsels clients on international trade and national security issues for cross-border transactions.

Augustine is an attorney in Dorsey's National Security Law Practice Group. He advises clients on U.S. customs and international trade law, economic sanctions, export controls, and U.S. Government review of foreign investments. With experience in state and federal court litigation in New York and Seattle, Augustine protects clients' interests in government enforcement actions and international trade proceedings. Proficient in Mandarin Chinese, he also counsels clients on matters relating to East Asia.

Augustine has obtained successful outcomes for clients in customs enforcement matters involving U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and tariff relief in Section 301 proceedings before the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). He advises clients on U.S. trade remedies under Section 232, antidumping duties, countervailing duties, and safeguard duties. He counsels clients on tariff preferences under free trade agreements, including the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Augustine advises clients on national security requirements for cross-border transactions, including U.S. export controls under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), and economic sanctions programs administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). He helps clients to successfully resolve matters through voluntary self-disclosures and license applications. He conducts corporate investigations and compliance training, and counsels clients on trade-related due diligence and disclosures for capital markets transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. He also advises clients on reviews by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

Before relocating to Dorsey's Seattle office, Augustine was at the firm's New York office representing corporate clients in commercial disputes, including a major Chinese bank.

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., 2008)
- Cambridge University (M. Phil, 2005)
 - Gates-Cambridge Scholarship
- Harvard University (A.B., 2003)
 - *magna cum laude*; Thomas T. Hoopes Prize

Bar Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia
- Washington
- California

He previously worked as an enforcement attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel at CBP Headquarters. Augustine served successively as a judicial clerk to two federal district judges in the U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico.

Select Experience

- Manara Minerals in a deal to acquire 10% of Vale Base Metals Limited, the holding entity of Vale SA's energy transition metals business
- Advise U.S.-based and international clients on compliance with U.S. sanctions programs and export controls to mitigate operational risks and provide training to key personnel.
- Apply for licenses to authorize transactions, and prepare voluntary self-disclosures to address violations.
- Advise clients on responses to federal government subpoenas.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, Honorable Gustavo A. Gelpí, 2010–2010
- U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, Honorable José Antonio Fusté, 2008–2010

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Customs and International Trade Bar Association
- Asian Bar Association of Washington
- Chinese-American Citizens Alliance (Seattle Chapter)
- Board Member, Harvard Club of Seattle

Accolades

- Contributed more than 50 Diversity & Inclusion hours, 2023-2024
- Contributed more than 50 Challenge pro bono hours, 2020

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese

Select Presentations

- Panelist, “AI and the Law,” Seattle Chinese Bar Association, June 13, 2025.
- Panelist, “Global Trade and the FCA: House the FCA is Used to Police Trade, Tariffs, and Domestic Preferences,” 2024 False Claims Act Forum, Oct. 8, 2024.
- Panelist, “China in the Crosshairs: How to Navigate U.S. Regulatory Risks with America’s No. 1 Frenemy,” National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention, Nov. 9, 2023.
- Panelist, “UFLPA: A Year in Reflection and Projections for the Future,” U.S.-China Business Council, Oct. 12, 2023.
- Presenter, “CFIUS National Security Reviews in PRC-US Investment Transactions,” University of Washington Foster School of Business, July 21, 2023.
- Panelist, “Negotiating Supply Chain Agreements Under the New U.S.-China Trade Sanctions,” Strafford CLE, May 16, 2023.
- Moderator, “The ‘S’ in ESG: Addressing Forced Labor Issues,” New York City Bar Association CLE, Apr. 28, 2023.
- Panelist, “Unpacking the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act,” Washington State China Relations Council, Sept. 28, 2022.
- Panelist, “Negotiating Supply Chain Agreements Under the New U.S.-China Trade Sanctions,” Strafford CLE, Apr. 12, 2022.
- Presenter, “Overview of EAR, ITAR, and OFAC Compliance,” Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition Annual Conference, Sept. 2020.
- Presenter, “U.S.-China Trade Tensions and Impact on Chinese-American Engineers,” Chinese Institute of Engineers (Seattle Chapter) Annual Conference, Sept. 15, 2019.
- Presenter, “Navigating Uncertainty Amidst Trade Tensions: Mitigation Strategies and Customs Import Compliance,” Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition 2019 ITAR & EAR Compliance Conference, Sept. 12, 2019.
- Panelist, “Section 301 Tariffs on Chinese Goods and Potential Relief,” Washington Council on International Trade, Sept. 3, 2019.
- Panelist, “Trump, Asia, and America as an Asian Power,” Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast 2017 Conference, Willamette University, June 11, 2017.
- Moderator, “Trade Disputes Involving the United States and China,” Brooklyn Law School, Jan. 21, 2015.

Dorsey Law & Policy Notebook

June 4, 2026

Tariffs Roundup

March 12, 2026

Massive New Section 301 Investigations Present Opportunity for Comment

Insights

September 10, 2026

White House Ups the Ante with Section 338 Import Bans Against Canadian

Products

August 27, 2026

United States and Canada Reciprocal Tariff Actions

July 24, 2026

Trump Administration Implements Replacement Tariffs Covering Most U.S. Imports

July 22, 2026

U.S. Government Announces Section 338 Retaliatory Tariffs Against Canadian Goods

June 4, 2026

Proposed New Section 301 Tariffs and Other Trade-Related Developments

June 3, 2026

Augustine Lo Weighs In on Proposed Tariffs on 60 Trading Partners

May 8, 2026

U.S. Court of International Trade Holds Section 122 Tariffs Unlawful – Enjoins Tariff Collection and Orders Refunds for Plaintiff-Importers

March 13, 2026

Opportunity to Comment on Foreign Trade Practices with New Tariffs Looming Under Section 301

February 20, 2026

U.S. Supreme Court Strikes Down Trump Emergency Tariff Actions

November 6, 2025

Trump Decreases Tariffs on Chinese Goods, Increases Tariffs on Canadian Goods, and Announces a Flurry of Trade Arrangements

October 30, 2025

Trump Escalates Sanctions Against Russia

October 7, 2025

Public Consultation Begins on Renewal of U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement

October 2, 2025

Commerce Extends U.S. Export Control Restrictions to Affiliates of Parties on the Entity List

September 16, 2025

U.S. Supreme Court to Consider IEEPA Tariffs on Expedited Basis

August 29, 2025

Augustine Lo Comments on No De Minimis Impact on Footwear, Shein and Temu