



## Antonio J. Rivera

ASSOCIATE

Antonio is an associate in the International Trade & Investment practice and Electric Mobility Group.



### Practices

Customs & Import Compliance  
International Trade & Investment

### Languages

Spanish  
Portuguese

### Education

The George Washington University Law School JD, 2014  
George Mason University BS, Economics, 2009  
University of Pittsburgh BS, Chemistry, 2008

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Antonio specializes in import compliance matters, including eligibility for free trade programs (e.g., USMCA), country of origin for marking and government procurement purposes, and other issues relating to classification, valuation, drawback, customs penalties, and special tariffs, such as Section 301. He works with clients ranging from small producers to large multinationals in various sectors, including the automotive, manufacturing, healthcare, and food and beverage industries.

Antonio advises US and foreign manufacturers, importers, and exporters on various international trade matters affecting their production and supply chains. He works to prepare clients for Customs audits, and with conducting import compliance assessments focusing on the client's import requirements, including import preference programs, Buy American requirements, PGA requirements, and customs brokers responsibilities. Additionally, Antonio assists with advising clients on the implications from free trade agreement negotiations, Section 232 tariffs, and Section 301 tariffs, as well as counsels clients on other international trade matters, including export compliance.

Earlier in his career, Antonio served as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Trade for US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Antonio received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School, and has bachelor of science degrees in Chemistry and Economics. Antonio is also fluent in Spanish.

### Previous Work

Prior to joining Arent Fox, Antonio worked for US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Trade. During his time there, Antonio authored various rulings and decisions focusing on valuation issues, preferential treatment under NAFTA and all other trade programs, country of origin for marking and government procurement purposes, and matters concerning Chapter 98. He also conducted trainings, assisted during litigation before the Court of International Trade, advised government agencies, and provided technical assistance to foreign customs administrations, with regard to various customs and trade issues. While in law school, Antonio served as a law clerk for the Office of Inspector General of the Export Import-Bank of the United States, working on various matters concerning the False Claims Act and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

## Professional Activities

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Antonio is a member of the Customs Lawyers Association.

## Publications, Presentations, & Recognitions

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Antonio's publications include:

- "Section 232 Adjustments on US Steel and Aluminum Imports" International Law Office (June 8, 2018).

Antonio's speaking engagements include:

- "USMCA Uniform Regulations: Conversation with U.S. CBP," Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) (June 24, 2020).
- "USMCA – Pathway to Implementation," Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) (May 21, 2020).
- "Treatment of Remanufactured Goods under the USMCA," Motor & Equipment Remanufacturers Association (MERA) (October 22, 2019).
- "Section 301 List 3 Exclusion Process," Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) (July 10, 2019).
- "NAFTA & Other US Free Trade Agreements," International Credit Executives Group (March 8, 2018).

While at CBP, Antonio conducted training presentations on trade facilitation, valuation and the rules of origin principles for various domestic and foreign audiences in both the government and private sector.

During his time in Law School, Antonio received the JB and Maurice C. Shapiro Public Service Fellowship, as well as a Public Interest Law Fellowship for his internship with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

## Life Beyond the Law

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When not working, Antonio enjoys films, cooking, and carpentry. He is also a sports enthusiast, coaching and playing recreational sports, as well watching his favorite teams.

## Bar Admissions

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District of Columbia

Virginia