



## Russell A. Semmel\*

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Russell A. Semmel assists clients with customs and international trade matters.

### Industries

National Security

### Practices

International Trade

### Education

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law JD,  
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Russell is an experienced customs and international trade litigator and counselor. He advises clients on import compliance matters such as tariff classification, value, and origin; drawback and duty deferral programs; free trade agreements and trade preference programs; and the recent Sections 232 and 301 tariff measures. He also represents clients before US Customs and Border Protection in audits and matters including information requests and notices of action; protests and post-summary corrections; seizures and forfeitures; and prior disclosures and penalty actions. Russell has frequently appeared before the US Court of International Trade and Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

*\*Not admitted in the District of Columbia. Admitted in New York only. Practicing under supervision of firm principals.*

### Previous Work

Prior to joining Arent Fox, Russell worked at a specialized customs and international trade law firm. During law school, he interned for Hon. Timothy C. Stanceu, US Court of International Trade; and in the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, and served as an Articles Editor for the Cardozo *Journal of International and Comparative Law* and member of the Human Rights & Genocide Clinic.

### Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Russell has been recognized as a New York Metro Rising Star in International Law by *Super Lawyers* (2015 - 2018).

Russell's publications include:

- *No Reservations: A Proposal to Streamline Calendar Practice in the U.S. Court of International Trade*

, 23 Tul. J. Int'l & Comp. L. 429 (2015)

- Symposium, *Practitioner Insights into International Dispute Resolution*, 22 Cardozo J. Int'l & Comp. L. 737 (2014)

Russell's speaking engagements include:

- Panelist, 18th Judicial Conference of the US Court of International Trade, New York, NY, Dec. 1, 2014
- Panelist, CITBA "Technology in the Courtroom and Preparing Witnesses" CLE Event, May 11, 2015
- Speaker, Rudy A. Piña & Assocs. Customs Compliance Seminar, Nogales, AZ (2014-15, '17-18)
- Moderator, ABA-Cardozo Careers in International Law Panel (2012-15)

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## Professional Activities

Russell's memberships include the Customs and International Trade Bar Association's (CITBA) Young Lawyers Committee and the New York American Inn of Court.

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## Life Beyond the Law

A South Florida native, when not practicing Russell enjoys distance running, a fine scotch, and exploring his neighborhood with his wife, Janie, and dog, Charlie. He is a devoted fan of everything Florida Gators and Atlanta Braves. He sits on the Democratic National Committee's National Finance Committee and is a member of the New York Democratic Lawyers Council, a voting rights advocacy group. He is also a member of the Young Professionals Division of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

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## Bar Admissions

New York

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## Court Admissions

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US Court of International Trade

US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit