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



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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.

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 Rising Star in International Law by *Super Lawyers* (2015 – 2020) in both the New York and Washington, DC markets.

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, 20th Judicial Conference of the US Court of International Trade, Washington, DC, Nov. 18, 2019
- 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)

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.

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.

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

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