

## PRACTICE BRIEF

International Trade/US Regulatory Practice



Export Controls/US Customs Laws

Former US Treasury Officials Advise and Represent Exporters, Importers, and Others on Economic Sanctions, Export Controls, and US Customs Matters

Steven Pinter and Hal Eren served at the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the agency that administers US economic sanctions, for a combined 25 years prior to joining The Eren Law Firm. The Eren Law Firm is a leading economic sanctions and anti-money laundering boutique firm based in Washington, DC that also has strong capabilities in the areas of US export controls and US customs law.

Steven Pinter, a recognized expert and authority on economic sanctions, was Chief of Licensing at OFAC between 1987 and 2002, and Senior Advisor at OFAC between 2002 and 2004, during which time he oversaw, reviewed and provided expert guidance on, among other things, OFAC penalty cases involving exports, imports and other transactions. From 1975 to 1987, Mr. Pinter held supervisory legal positions in the US Customs Service, Office of Regulations and Rulings, in Washington, DC. Prior to 1975, Mr. Pinter served as a US Customs Attorney. Hal Eren served at OFAC between 1992 and 2000. During their tenure at OFAC, Mr. Pinter and Mr. Eren dealt with numerous complex trade and financial transactions implicating laws and regulations governing OFAC/US economic sanctions, US export controls, and US customs laws, and regularly interfaced with the Departments of State and Commerce as well as the US Customs Service (Customs and Border Protection). In 2000, Mr. Eren joined the law firm of Clifford Chance, where he advised the firm's clients as well as Clifford Chance itself on economic sanctions, export control and anti-money laundering matters. In 2002, Mr. Eren established The Eren Law Firm and Steven Pinter joined The Firm in 2004.

Mr. Pinter and Mr. Eren advise and represent banks, importers, exporters, industrial companies and other clients with respect to OFAC sanctions, and export control laws and regulations administered by the US Department of Commerce (BIS) and the US Department of State (DDTC). Mr. Pinter also advises clients on US customs law matters. Mr. Pinter and Mr. Eren also advise and represent clients in applications for OFAC licenses (such as for the unblocking of funds and accounts), humanitarian exports, other sanctions relief, Commerce (civilian and dual-use) and State Department (military) export (and reexport) licenses, as well as in sanctions, export control, and customs enforcement proceedings.

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Steven Pinter and Hal Eren. And no other law firm has any comparable concentration, mix, and depth of expertise in sanctions and export control law and compliance.

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