

# Cate Baskin

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Cate Baskin advises government contractors and other companies on government contracts, national security, and international trade matters, including export controls under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR), economic sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), customs and import compliance, and reviews involving the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). She counsels clients on Small Business Administration (SBA) programs and compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), and has experience with a wide range of federal contracts, grants, and other funding arrangements. Cate also coordinates national security and trade-related due diligence and risk assessments in connection with large-scale M&A transactions.

Cate maintains an active pro bono practice focused on representing incarcerated individuals in post-conviction proceedings and advancing environmental justice initiatives.

During law school, Cate externed at Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting, working on government transparency issues, and at the Corporate Accountability Lab, developing legal strategies to address transnational supply chain and human rights concerns. She also served as communications lead for the Northwestern chapter of the American Constitution Society. Before law school, Cate worked as a public relations and social impact strategist for corporations and non-profits.

## Education

- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2022)
- DePaul University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2017)
  - Public Relations and Advertising, minor in Psychology

## Bar Admissions

- Illinois

## Court Admissions

## Capabilities

- Government Contracts
- Export Controls, Economic Sanctions & Compliance
- International
- International Trade
- Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)
- Post Chevron Educational Resources & Updates
- Customs

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

## Memberships

- American Bar Association, Public Contract Law Section
- American Bar Association, International Law Section
  - Export Controls and Sanctions Committee
  - National Security Committee
- American Bar Association, Civil Rights and Social Justice Section

## Recognition

- Lowden-Wigmore Prize for best-written publication, *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*

## Matters

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- Regularly advised major international aerospace company on export controls matters, including ITAR and EAR licensing
- Successfully represented prominent hospitality group in front of the SBA OHA in forgiving multi-million dollar PPP loans
- Supported and coordinated internal investigation of potential ITAR violations within a large mining producer (over \$10 billion in annual revenue), ultimately submitting disclosures and subsequent mitigation plans to the U.S. Department of State