

# Lydia C. Pardini

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Lydia C. Pardini, a former senior attorney at the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, advises manufacturers and importers regarding issues at the intersection of unfair trade and trade remedies, import regulatory compliance, and international trade policy. She helps companies from a diverse spectrum of industry sectors evaluate supply chain risks, identify beneficial opportunities, create effective trade compliance programs, and resolve issues practically and efficiently when they arise.

Drawing on her prior government experience, Lydia helps clients navigate complex U.S. trade investigations. She regularly represents clients in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations before the Department of Commerce and International Trade Commission, Section 201 safeguard proceedings, Section 232 national security investigations, and Section 301 retaliatory actions. Lydia appears on behalf of clients in trade litigation before the U.S. Court of International Trade and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She has argued trade disputes before, and advises clients regarding, multilateral dispute settlement panels under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), its predecessor, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In addition, Lydia is a licensed Customs Broker. She works with clients to identify and resolve issues involving U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), including tariff classification, valuation, country of origin, and the agency's penalty and enforcement proceedings. Using her deep understanding of trade remedies proceedings, Lydia advises clients regarding customs entry and liquidation issues arising from those proceedings, as well as concerns regarding the scope, circumvention, and evasion of trade remedies orders.

Lydia has served on the USMCA Binational Panel Roster since 2021. She is actively involved in several international trade associations and multilateral institutions, where she holds leadership roles, including serving as a section co-chair. In addition, Lydia is a Board Member of the Association of Women in International Trade.

Prior to joining the firm, Lydia was a partner at an international trade boutique, as well as a senior attorney at the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Office of the Chief Counsel for

## Capabilities

- Export Controls, Economic Sanctions & Compliance
- International
- Customs
- Trade Law Remedies
- International Trade
- Solare Brand Protection Program

Trade Enforcement and Compliance. Lydia was recognized on numerous occasions for her work for the Department, including being named the 2018 Attorney of the Year in the Office of the Chief Counsel. She received two U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medals, the highest honorary recognition for the distinguished performance the Secretary of Commerce bestowed.

## Education

- Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
  - Certificate recipient, Comparative and International Law
- Colby College (B.A., *cum laude*, *International Studies - International Relations/Foreign Policy*)

## Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. Customs Broker

## Memberships

- Association of Women in International Trade, Board Member, Multilateral Institutions Section
- Customs and International Trade Bar Association, Co-Chair, Customs Committee
- Washington International Trade Association
- American Association of Exporters and Importers
- International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association
- 2024-2025 Roster for USMCA Binational Panels (U.S.), roster member since 2021

## Recognition

- Association of Women in International Trade (WIIT DC)'s Committee of the Year Award Recipient, 2024

# Matters

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**Section 232, AD/CVD, Customs, and Trade Policy** - Provide comprehensive, strategic trade representation for the world's second-largest stainless-steel producer. Successfully assisted client **Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC** in blocking competitor ATI's requests for exclusion from Section 232 duties for its imports of Indonesian stainless steel made by Chinese steel titan Tsingshan. Also supports the client's enforcement of antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders imposing duties on certain stainless-steel imports. Read more here.

**AD/CVD** - Successfully defended **Korea Petrochemical Ind. Co. (KPIC)** against imposition of an antidumping duty order in the investigation of imports of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene from Korea, convincing a unanimous ITC that KPIC's

imports were not causing injury to U.S. producers of the identified product.

**AD/CVD and Customs** – Advise and represent a U.S. manufacturer and importer of industrial chemicals regarding ongoing AD/CVD proceedings and related Customs issues, allowing the company to support domestic production while mitigating duty impacts.

**Customs** - Represents a foreign manufacturer and U.S. importer of manufacturing equipment regarding Customs issues including Section 301 and AD/CVD applicability and supply chain advice. Successfully advocated for several country of origin rulings from U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the context of the client's supply chain reconfiguration and establishment of new production facilities.

**AD/CVD and Section 232** - Successfully persuaded the Department of Commerce that section 232 tariffs on titanium sponge would harm titanium mill product producers and would not benefit the domestic industry, in accord with the ITC's determination of the same. In the ITC case, on behalf of client **Perryman and other domestic titanium mill product manufacturers**, blocked the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties on imports of Titanium Sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan, securing first negative preliminary AD/CVD vote at the ITC in a decade. Following Commerce's recommendation that the President not impose section 232 tariffs on titanium sponge, the President directed the Secretaries of Commerce and Defense to form a Titanium Sponge Working Group.

Additional information:

<https://www.perrymanco.com/files/content/inthenews/perryman-adds-forging-capabilities-f-060722.pdf?d=2022614143618> and

<https://www.perrymanco.com/files/content/inthenews/perryman-addsmelting-f-061522.pdf?d=2022615142247>

**Customs and Export Control, Economic Sanctions and Compliance** - Advise a **global cargo carrier** on matters impacting the shipment of U.S. commodities globally and the importation of products into the United States.