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Faegre Drinker Strengthens Customs and International Trade Team With Former OFAC Sanctions Regulations Advisor Diego Ortega

Washington, D.C. — Oct. 16, 2024 — [Faegre Drinker](#) is pleased to announce that [Diego Ortega](#) has joined the firm as a government and regulatory counsel in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the firm, Ortega served the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for more than three years as a Sanctions Regulations Advisor.

At OFAC, Ortega was a member of OFAC's Regulatory Affairs division, which is responsible for the overall regulatory management of OFAC's sanctions programs. OFAC developed, drafted, and published regulations implementing U.S. economic sanctions authorities as well as general licenses to mitigate the unintended effects of sanctions actions. Ortega regularly participated in meetings with interagency partners, including the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the National Security Council, providing guidance on regulatory matters concerning sanctions actions. He provided input on licensing and policy matters as well as OFAC's public guidance documents such as FAQs.

"Diego brings a breadth of experience from his years with OFAC and will be tremendous for clients facing complex regulatory issues," said Randy Rucker, leader of the firm's customs and international trade team. "He will be an important asset for our team when working with different federal agencies, and we're excited to have him onboard."

Ortega's experience includes advising U.S. and non-U.S. multinational companies in a broad range of industries on economic sanctions, export controls, including the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), customs laws, and reviews by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). Prior to OFAC, he was a senior associate at a leading international law firm where his practice focused on international trade and national security matters. Ortega has represented clients in a variety of industries, including energy, aviation, healthcare and pharmaceutical, software, consumer goods, logistics, and manufacturing,

Ortega earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law.

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