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Mario focuses his practice on international trade, including trade remedy proceedings, forced labor supply chain audits and counseling, and customs matters.



Industries

[Energy & Cleantech](#)
[Transportation & Mobility](#)

Practices

[International Trade & Investment](#)

Languages

Spanish

Education

The George Washington University Law School, JD
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Mario represents US and foreign manufacturers in antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings before the US International Trade Commission, the US Department of Commerce, and related litigation before the US Court of International Trade and US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In addition to AD/CVD counseling, Mario advises clients across various industries on cross-border compliance issues such as customs classifications and country of origin determinations as well as forced labor supply chain audits and investigations.

Client Work

- Assisted US importers with preparing for and responding to CBP Risk Analysis and Survey Assessment (“RASA”) forced labor questionnaires
- Represented a Vietnamese pipe manufacturing company in a Department of Commerce AD/CVD circumvention inquiry.
- Counseled a major foreign tire producer and a US purchaser of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin in AD/CVD sunset review proceedings before the US International Trade Commission.
- Advised a Mexican pipe company in multiple administrative review proceedings before the Department of Commerce.
- Advised and obtained Department of Commerce approval for reexport transactions of uranium material in connection with the Suspension Agreement on Uranium from the Russian Federation.
- Advised a global exercise and media company on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification, country of origin determination and marking, and valuation of its exercise equipment products and accessories.
- Advised a multinational wind turbine manufacturer on a US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) forced labor audit of the company’s supply chain.
- Counseled a global crane manufacturing company in connection with a Department of Commerce

Section 232 investigation of imports of mobile cranes.

- Advised a large Mexican recycling and compounding company on the origin of its goods under the USMCA.
- Represented various companies in the Court of International Trade challenging the legal validity of the Section 301 List 3 and 4 tariffs.
- Prepared and obtained Section 301 exclusions and extensions on behalf of multiple clients, including a major US city concerning a sculpture made by a world-renowned artist.
- Advised a major Belgian chemicals company on a CBP request for information involving products imported under the General System of Preferences program.

Previous Work

Prior to entering the private sector, Mario served as an International Attorney-Advisor at the US Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA). While there, Mario advised the ITA on the World Trade Organization's different trade agreements (e.g., Technical Barriers to Trade, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Trade Facilitation Agreement) and was an active member of the US Delegation to the WTO. Mario also advised senior policy officials on Section 232 and its related investigations.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Mario's publications include:

- ["Guide on International & Regional Standards for LGBTQ Rights,"](#) *Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice*, October 2024
- ["Imported Products Containing an Aluminum Extrusion Part or Any Extruded Aluminum Are Subject to Countervailing Duties; Additional Antidumping Duties Are on the Horizon,"](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal (Volume 1, Number 4)*, July - August 2024
- ["Navigating the Complexities of Forced Labor Laws,"](#) *ArentFox Schiff's 2024 Guide for Global Businesses*, February 2024
- ["BIS Proposes Changes to Section 232 Exclusion Process,"](#) *The Global Trade Law Journal (Volume 1, Number 1)*, January - February 2024
- ["UFLPA Enforcement Continues,"](#) *Practical ESG*, December 19, 2023
- ["Perilous Prejudice: LGBTQ+ Rights in Uganda and Beyond,"](#) *New York State Bar Association*, December 13, 2023

Mario's presentations include:

- ["Keeping Cool Amidst Hot Import Topics,"](#) *Professional Association of Exporters and Importers Webinar*, August 22, 2024
- "Summary of Forced Labor Developments," *Truck Trailers Manufacturers Association Meeting*, July 24, 2024
- ["Forced Labour Rules Across CUSMA,"](#) *The Canadian Transportation Equipment Association Webinar*, May 15, 2024

Life Beyond the Law

Mario is a native Spanish speaker. He enjoys international travel, and often returns to Bolivia, where he grew up and spent his formative years.

Bar Admissions

[District of Columbia](#)

Court Admissions

[US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit](#)

[US Court of International Trade](#)