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Mario focuses his practice on global supply chain counseling, advising US and foreign manufacturers on various international trade regulatory matters, including imports and customs compliance, forced labor, and antidumping and countervailing duties.



Industries

Energy & Cleantech
Automotive & Transportation

Practices

International Trade & Investment
— Customs & Import Compliance
— International Trade Litigation

Languages

Spanish

Education

The George Washington University Law School, JD

Clark University, MA

Central Connecticut State University, BA, magna cum laude

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Mario is the Co-Lead of the Latin American Desk. Mario represents both US and international manufacturers, providing guidance on existing and emerging international trade laws and regulations that impact global supply chains.

His practice encompasses a wide range of regulatory compliance issues, including product classification under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), conducting country of origin assessments, and addressing concerns related to forced labor. Mario is adept at navigating complex tariff regulations, including Section 301 and 232 duties, and is well-versed in the intricacies of free trade agreements. He also provides strategic advice on antidumping and countervailing duties, as well as reshoring and nearshoring strategies. Mario also has experience with the False Claims Act.

With extensive experience in customs and trade litigation, Mario is uniquely positioned to counsel companies on building more resilient supply chains. He offers strategic insights into risk management and identifies opportunities for duty savings, helping clients optimize their operations and maintain competitive advantage.

Client Work

- 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:

- "New Enforcement Priorities: Trade and Customs," *Dow Jones Risk Journal,* June 26, 2025
- "Navigating New Trade Barriers: The Impact of Tariffs on the U.S. Food and Beverage Industry, " *The Food Institute,* March 12, 2025
- "Trump, Trade and Tariffs Tariffs Tariffs! How the Second Trump Administration's Trade Policy Could Affect the Fashion and Retail Industry," *Retail Touchpoints,* December 2024
- "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:

- "Customs and Trade Fraud Investigations: Responding to DOJ's and DHS's Aggressive and Expanding Enforcement of Customs Fraud Through the False Claims Act," *ArentFox Schiff,* October 28, 2026
- "New Tariff Environment in the United States," *ANALDEX Foreign Trade Committee,* March 3, 2026
- "Transfer Pricing and Customs Valuation, Key to Revenue Collection in Mexico and the United States," *Magno Evento Fiscal XXXIV,* November 1, 2025
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"Supply chain challenges: Finding consistency through tariffs, AI, diversification and politics," *SupplySide Global 2025,* October 27, 2025

- "Impact of Tariffs and Trade on The Healthcare Supply Chain," *Healthcare Group Purchasing Industry Initiative Conference,* July 31, 2025
- "How not to fail in the US," *Stickybeak Webinar,* July 16, 2025
- "Comex Talks: A New Geopolitical Scenario," *Asociación Nacional de Comercio Exterior (ANALDEX) and CID-Pro Consulting S.A.S Webinar,* February 13, 2025
- "Navigating Trade Remedies: Import Compliance Strategies in a Shifting US Trade Policy Landscape," *Professional Association of Exporters and Importers Event,* January 22, 2025
- "Tariffs and Your Business: What Lies Ahead," *Winter Fancy Food Show*, January 19, 2025
- "LGBTQ+ Legal Challenges: Global Perspectives and Pro Bono Solutions," *Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Human Rights Day 2024,* December 10, 2024
- "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

Mario's recognitions include:

- Ones to Watch: Best Lawyers in America Award (2026-2027)
- Recipient of Vance Center's 2025 International Pro Bono Excellence Award (2025)
- Washington Lawyers' Committee: Outstanding Achievement Award (2025)
- JD Supra: Readers Choice Awards, International Law (2025)

In The News

Mario is regularly quoted by industry publications and news outlets.

- Suppliers, Customers Push Importers for Slice of Tariff Refunds, Bloomberg Law, May 20, 2026
- Trump Administration Announces Task Force to Prevent Trade Fraud and Tariff Evasion, MSN, September 8, 2025
- Trump's 50% India tariff threat puts ashwagandha, other botanicals in crosshairs, SupplySide Supplement Journal, August 13, 2025
- More brands turn to 'tariff engineering' to avoid higher import taxes, ModernRetail, June 30, 2025
- Free Legal Assistance Provided to Migrants in Washington DC, Quadratin Hispano, May 22, 2025
- Tariffs ripple through supply chains, Food Business News, April 9, 2025
- Tariffs and Your Business: Expert Advice from SFA's Winter Fancy Food Show, Specialty Food News, February 28, 2025
- What is tariff engineering, and why is fashion paying attention?, Glossy, February 11, 2025
- Judicial reform in Mexico: A dangerous game with fire that threatens the USMCA?, Fuerza Informativa Azteca, February 6, 2025
- Canada Gets Official Notice: Trump's 25% Tariffs Take Effect Tuesday, Fuerza Informativa Azteca, February 1, 2025
- A commercial crisis on the horizon? This is how Trump's 25% tariffs will impact Mexico and the US, Fuerza Informativa Azteca, January 30, 2025
- External Revenue Service Could Put Customs Functions Back Under Treasury, International Trade Today, January 28, 2025
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What's next for President Trump's tariff strategy?, Baking Business, January 21, 2025

— President Trump's tariff strategy becoming clearer, Food Business News, January 21, 2025

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