

James Sawyer Biography

James Sawyer is an accomplished and experienced customs attorney who represents Fortune1000 clients in all areas of U.S. customs and international trade laws and regulations. James has broad experience assisting companies of all sizes and industries in developing comprehensive import compliance programs, partnering with clients to build the essential bridges of communication across a variety of functional areas to ensure import compliance. He works with clients to automate internal control processes, when appropriate, to enhance their effectiveness.

He advises clients in all areas of import compliance, including issues relating to valuation and methods of appraisement, tariff classification, and country of origin determinations and marking requirements, obtaining beneficial administrative rulings and favorable protest determinations for clients resulting in millions of dollars in duty savings. James also counsels clients on the import compliance implications of distribution and supply agreements with foreign vendors, buying agency contracts, and licensing agreements to avoid or identify potential pitfalls associated with the valuation of imported merchandise and possible duty implications. He works in coordination with the firm's Corporate and Securities Practice Group to provide assistance with due diligence reviews associated with the acquisition of new business