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Jon Fee focuses his practice on customs and international trade matters, with a particular emphasis on preferential trade programs, free trade agreements and U.S. trade legislation. He has extensive experience in trade issues affecting textiles, apparel, aircraft, heavy equipment and electronics.

Jon is a licensed customs broker and teaches preparation courses for the national customs broker exam. He has spoken frequently in the United States, Asia, Central America and Africa on U.S. trade policy and free trade agreements. He is active in community service and chairs the firm's Washington, D.C. Pro Bono Committee.

Jon received his undergraduate degree in 1971 from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and his law degree from Emory University in 1974. He is a member of the American, Georgia and Washington, D.C. Bar Associations, and admitted to practice in the Court of International Trade, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Jon is listed in *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*[©].

Representative Experience

- Successfully litigated against prior certification for duty-free imports under the Civil Aircraft Agreement and authored the U.S. tariff schedule note on imports of civil aircraft and parts.
- Obtained a short supply treatment of textile articles under NAFTA, CAFTA, and trade preference programs covering sub-Saharan African, Caribbean and Andean countries.
- Counsel to a variety of importers in audits, investigations, seizures, penalties, protests and rulings.
- Successfully represented U.S. clients in NAFTA origin verifications conducted by the Mexican government.
- Successfully represented a U.S. importer in the investigation of a radioactive contamination event.
- Authored key provisions of trade preference legislation.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Chairman of the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition
- Member of the Executive Committee and board member for Bread for the City
- Board member and former president of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Board member of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
- American Apparel Producers Network
- United States Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel
- National Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association
- American Apparel and Footwear Association, former chair of the Government Relations Committee

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Education

- Emory University (J.D., 1974)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.S., 1971)

Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia
- Georgia

Related Services

International Trade & Regulatory | Corporate & Finance | Legislative & Public Policy | Litigation | Export Controls | Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Embargoes and Sanctions | Customs | Trade Remedies: Antidumping, Countervailing Duty, and Other Trade Proceedings | International | German Business Team