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Profile

Education

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Senior Executive Fellows Program (2007)
George Washington University, Master's Certificate in Project Management (2007)
George Mason University (M.A. International Commerce and Policy, 2006)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (B.A. English, 1989)

Qualifications

Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification (2007)

Languages

English

Areas of Expertise

International Trade & Customs
International Trade & Customs Litigation

John Patrick Leonard is a senior advisor in the International Trade & Customs Practice at Kim & Chang. As an international trade expert, he advises clients on a wide range of issues relating to US trade and customs laws, including forced labor, tariffs, free trade agreements, antidumping/countervailing duties, classification/valuation, duty drawback, intellectual property rights and e-commerce trade.

Prior to joining the firm, he served as the Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner ("DEAC") of the Office of Trade at the US Customs and Border Protection ("CBP"), one of the top ten leaders of the largest law enforcement agency in the United States. As the DEAC, he oversaw a diverse portfolio - enforcement of US trade laws and agreements, facilitating legitimate trade and protecting public health and safety, and supply chain security, environmental, social and governance ("ESG"), and customs system modernization initiatives. He would regularly meet with US and overseas government officials, as well as high level executives of all major US importers and exporters.

Mr. Leonard holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a master's degree in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University. He is a graduate of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School's Senior Executive Fellows program and a certified Project Management Professional ("PMP").

Experience

- Kim & Chang (2024-Present)
- Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade, United States Customs and Border Protection (2021-2024)
- Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs, United States Customs and Border Protection (2012-2013, 2017-2021)
- Singapore Attach#233;, United States Customs and Border Protection (2013-2017)
- San Francisco Area Port Director, United States Customs and Border Protection (2008-2011)

- Director, Office of Information and Technology, United States Customs and Border Protection (2006-2008)
- Branch Chief, United States Customs and Border Protection (2003-2006)
- Program Officer, United States Customs Service Headquarter (2000-2003)
- Import Specialist, Port of Boston, United States Customs Service (1989-2000)
- United States Customs and Border Protection(CBP) (1989-2024)

Representative Activities

Awards

- Albert Gallatin Award, U.S. Department of Treasury's highest career service award (2024)
- Meritorious Honor Award, U.S. Department of State, for work on law enforcement cooperation (2016)
- Mission Honor Award, U.S. Department of State, for chairing Embassy's Corporate Social Responsibility committee (2016)
- Certificate of Merit, World Customs Organization (2015)
- Superior Achievement Awards, United States Customs and Border Protection (2006-2024)

Publications/Activities

[Activities]

- nFeatured Speaker, Fireside Chat, National Retail Federation's "Big Show" conference, New York (2024)
- Panel Speaker, IBMATA Border Management & Technologies Summit, Dubai, UAE (2023)
- Panel Speaker, Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT) Northeast Cargo Symposium, Providence, Rhode Island (2023)
- Panel Speaker, US-ASEAN Business Council Trade Roundtable, Jakarta, Indonesia (2023)
- Panel Speaker, US CBP Green Trade Innovation and Incentives Forum, Alexandria, Virginia (2023)
- Host/Interviewer, US CBP Trade Facilitation and Cargo Security Summit, Boston (2023)
- Featured Speaker, Trade Facilitation and Cargo Security Summit, Anaheim, California (2023)
- Featured Speaker, Joint Seminar with AMCHAM Korea, Korea Customs Service, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (2023)
- Featured Speaker, Webinar, AMCHAM Korea (2021)
- Featured Speaker, George Mason University Schar School Career Conversations, with Professor Kenneth Reinert, Washington DC area (2020)
- Interviewed and quoted by Reuters, Wall Street Journal, The Star (Malaysia), San Francisco Chronicle, International Trade Today, local US syndicate news networks (ABC, CBS, NBC)