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Areas of Practice

International Regulation & Compliance

International Trade & Investment

International Trade Litigation

Business and Human Rights

Export Controls

Customs

Education

American University,
 Washington College of
 Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*,
 2006

Cornell University, B.A.,
 1999

Judicial Clerkships

Hon. Peter B. Krauser,
 Maryland Court of Special
 Appeals, 2006-2007

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

US Court of International
 Trade

Court of Appeals for the
 Federal Circuit

Laura Ardito

Laura Ardito is an associate in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is a member of the International Department.

In Ms. Ardito's international trade litigation practice, she represents clients in proceedings before the US Department of Commerce, including antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, and in appellate litigation before the US Court of International Trade and US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Ms. Ardito was part of a Steptoe team that won a unanimous victory in the first case interpreting antidumping law heard by the US Supreme Court.

In Ms. Ardito's regulatory practice, she assists clients in complying with economic sanctions laws, export controls, and customs regulations. Ms. Ardito also assists with associated enforcement actions, including conducting internal investigations, preparing voluntary disclosures, and responding to penalty notices.

Ms. Ardito advises corporations on human rights and social responsibility initiatives. She also advises clients on international investments, including matters related to bilateral investment treaties. Ms. Ardito has experience working on client matters involving the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Prior to joining Steptoe, Ms. Ardito was a law clerk to the Honorable Peter B. Krauser, the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. Ms. Ardito also served as a Legal Fellow at the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, where she focused primarily on international legal regimes to address human trafficking. In addition, Ms. Ardito held internships with the US Department of Justice, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section; and the Honorable C. Philip Nichols, Jr. of the Prince George's County Circuit Court and US Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

Ms. Ardito serves on the firm's pro bono committee. She provides pro bono representation in the areas of immigration and international human rights.

Prior to law school, Ms. Ardito worked at Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international non-governmental organization, on human trafficking and forced labor issues.

Select Seminars & Events

Corporate Social Accountability Webinar on Forced Labor, April 27, 2010, (*A Steptoe-Sponsored Event*)

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Selected Publications

United States Supreme Court Unanimously Rules That Only Natural Persons - Not Organizations - Can Be Liable Under Torture Victim Protection Act
May 4, 2012

Interpreting Sanctions For Privacy Abuses In Syria, Iran
April 27, 2012, *Law360*

New Sanctions Target Companies Providing Information Technologies to Syria and Iran for Perpetration of Human Rights Abuses
April 26, 2012

Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum: U.S. Supreme Court Considers Corporate Liability under Alien Tort Statute for Extraterritorial Human Rights Claims
April 2012, *LexisNexis Emerging Issues Analysis*

US Supreme Court Considers Corporate Liability under Alien Tort Statute for Extraterritorial Human Rights Claims
March 14, 2012

Commentary on Developments in Section 1581 (c) NME Cases
Fall 2010, *Georgetown Journal of International Law*

The International Trade Commission Increases Its Focus on the Public Interest in Section 337 Cases
September 29, 2010

Laura Ardito on: Abdullahi v. Pfizer, Inc.
April 2009, *LexisNexis Emerging Issues Analysis*

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association, International Section

Maryland State Bar Association