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Thomas Beline is a partner in Cassidy Levy Kent’s Washington DC office. Mr. Beline’s practice focuses on advising clients on all areas of import regulatory compliance and policy, trade remedies, and international trade litigation. Mr. Beline regularly appears before the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of International Trade, and North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) binational panels. Mr. Beline has also advised clients involved in the World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement process. In addition, Mr. Beline works closely with clients in matters involving U.S. Customs and Border Protection including tariff classification, valuation, and drawback claims. Mr. Beline has represented a broad array of clients in these areas including handling compliance and enforcement matters.

Mr. Beline works with companies from a diverse spectrum of industry sectors including consumer electronics, construction equipment, steel, fabricated metals, chemicals, and textiles. He has prosecuted and defended trade actions involving various companies with manufacturing in the United States and abroad. Mr. Beline also has experience litigating trade issues in bankruptcy law and reverse Qui Tam actions.

Mr. Beline has been appointed by the chief judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade to serve as a member of the Court’s Rules Advisory Committee. Mr. Beline has also appeared as a speaker on international trade topics.

Prior to joining Cassidy Levy Kent, Mr. Beline was an attorney with the Office of the Chief Counsel for Enforcement and Compliance (formerly Import Administration) at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Representative Experience

- Successfully prosecuted original investigations and administrative reviews on behalf of domestic industry facing unfair import competition.
- Assisted in defending before U.S. courts the United States’ methodological decisions in conducting antidumping proceedings and the chosen price comparison methodology used.
- Through appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, successfully overturned the U.S. Department of Commerce’s expansion of an antidumping duty order to cover a product that was never considered or included in the U.S. International Trade Commission’s material injury investigation.
- Developed a novel theory of civil procedure in trade cases to permit a client to successfully appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and overturn an unfavorable disposition at the U.S. Court of International Trade.
- Obtained a favorable exclusion to a trade remedy action before the U.S. Department of Commerce to permit a client to continue with its business objectives.

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh
- B.A., Quinnipiac University (Communications, Spanish)

Law Journal

- Journal of Technology Law and Policy, Editor-in-Chief

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- New Jersey
- United States Court of International Trade
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Publication

- *Legal Defect Protected by Article 42 of the CISG*, 7 Univ. of Pitts. Journal Tech. Law & Pol'y 6 (2007)

Memberships

- Court of International Trade Bar Association
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Alumni Association Board of Directors