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# Top Advisors 2023: Our annual list of the leading global CFIUS experts

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## Thomas Feddo, The Rubicon Advisors

For the second year in a row, our "Top Advisor" is the former "top man" at CFIUS. The founder of The Rubicon Advisors, Thomas Feddo is perhaps best known as the first-ever Assistant Secretary for Investment Security at the U.S. Treasury Department, a presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed position responsible for overseeing all operations and activities of CFIUS. Since his departure from Treasury, he's hosted a regular video series with Foreign Investment Watch called "[Ten with Tom](#)," has [testified](#) several times before Congressional committees on outbound screening, and has been an invaluable resource to our Editorial team for insights that only a few people on the planet can provide. Feddo can be reached at [thomas.feddo.90@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.feddo.90@gmail.com).



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## Tyler McGaughey, Winston & Strawn

While serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Investment Security at the U.S. Treasury Department, Tyler McGaughey was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Treasury's CFIUS team. While at CFIUS, McGaughey helped build the unit responsible for identifying non-notified transactions, and has since provided our readers with [prescient insights](#) on myriad topics, including granular details on how [national security agreements](#) are negotiated and monitored. A trusted behind-the-scenes advisor to Foreign Investment Watch, McGaughey also has a storied military career: He was a platoon commander in an infantry battalion that drove Assault Amphibious Vehicles from Kuwait to Baghdad and seized one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces. McGaughey is a partner at Winston & Strawn, and can be reached at [tmcgaughey@winston.com](mailto:tmcgaughey@winston.com).



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## J. Philip Ludvigson, King & Spalding

Another CFIUS veteran, Phil Ludvigson previously served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Investment Security at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He also served as Treasury's first Director for Monitoring & Enforcement, and built the office that pursues CFIUS non-notified transactions and oversees all CFIUS mitigation measures, including compliance monitoring and enforcement actions. Before joining Treasury, Ludvigson held various roles at the Department of Homeland Security, including serving as the Acting Director of Foreign Investment Risk Management, where he led all aspects of the agency's participation in CFIUS and Team Telecom. He has been an invaluable advisor to Foreign Investment Watch, and his behind-the-scenes [insights](#) and late-night [explanations](#) of complex regulatory matters and legislative proposals have been absolutely priceless. Now a partner at King & Spalding, Ludvigson can be reached at [pludvigson@kslaw.com](mailto:pludvigson@kslaw.com).



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A 15-year veteran of the U.S. Treasury Department, Laura Black served as the first Director of Policy and International Relations of CFIUS. In addition to being the “chief drafter” of the regulations implementing FIRRMA, Black played a leading role in the development of myriad global investment regimes, and spearheaded the Treasury Department's engagement with dozens of foreign governments. She explained that [foreign engagement strategy](#) to our readers with great precision, and has provided ongoing insights on myriad emerging topics, like the emergence of [state-wide legislative proposals](#) that may conflict with CFIUS's mandate. Black was also actively involved in the development of proposals for outbound foreign-investment reviews, and regularly provides valuable insights to the Foreign Investment Watch Editorial team. Now a partner at Akin Gump, Black can be reached at [blackl@akingump.com](mailto:blackl@akingump.com).



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When it comes to serving in the federal government, Richard Sofield has done it all. Probably best known to our readers as a former Director of the Foreign Investment Review Staff for the National Security Division at the DoJ — where he oversaw the DoJ's participation in CFIUS — Sofield also served as Chair of Team Telecom, and numerous other roles in the legal offices of the Air Force, the Defense Logistics Agency and the Civil Division of the DoJ. Seemingly always available to Foreign Investment Watch's Editorial team, at all hours of the day, Sofield has provide myriad insights to our readers on [Team Telecom](#), [CFIUS](#), and more. A partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Vinson & Elkins, Sofield can be reached at [rsofield@velaw.com](mailto:rsofield@velaw.com).



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The global head of Linklaters' Antitrust & Foreign Investment Group out of London, Nicole Kar has been our go-to expert on the UK's new National Security and Investment Act. Quoted by Foreign Investment Watch more times than we care to count, Kar's extraordinary understanding of the complex and constantly-changing European and UK foreign-investment review regimes has made her our resident expert on the NSIA; we're apparently in good company, as Kar advised the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee on the passage of the bill. She provided a [primer](#) for our readers back in April 2022, and few months later [broke down](#) the first UK report on their new regime. Kar, who also co-heads the Global Banking Sector and Trade Law Practice groups at Linklaters, can be reached at [nicole.kar@linklaters.com](mailto:nicole.kar@linklaters.com).



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## James Mendenhall, Sidley

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## Anne Salladin, Hogan Lovells

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## Stephen Heifetz, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

If anyone has made CFIUS fun and entertaining during the past several years, it’s Stephen Heifetz. A partner in the National Security practice of Wilson Sonsini, Heifetz previously served in the U.S. government as a CFIUS official, and in other national security positions at the CIA, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Justice. He has been involved in more than 1,000 CFIUS matters, and serves as CFIUS counsel for the National Venture Capital Association. [His contribution](#) to our “Startup’s Guide to CFIUS” was the most widely read column in that special section, and he’s been an ongoing resource to the editors of Foreign Investment Watch for insights — and humor; perhaps a remnant from his days as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. He’s been quite [outspoken](#) on deficiencies at CFIUS, and [isn’t afraid to speak his mind](#); when Foreign Investment Watch wants a brilliant, insightful, contrarious view, it’s usually Heifetz who can offer it up. He can be reached at [sheifetz@wsgr.com](mailto:sheifetz@wsgr.com).



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Whenever Foreign Investment Watch needs deep insights, a backstory, or historical perspective on national security matters, Chris Griner is our man. Currently chair of the National Security and CFIUS groups at Stroock, Griner has significant experience assessing potential areas of national security concern, and working with the federal government on behalf of large enterprises. He helped [debunk four CFIUS myths](#) for our readers, and Griner played a key role in the development of the Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence mitigation arrangements used by the U.S. government. Previously as an attorney advisor in the DoJ’s Office of the General Counsel, Griner can be reached at [cgriner@stroock.com](mailto:cgriner@stroock.com).



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Fluent in Russian (not to mention Bulgarian and French) Antonia Tzinova has been Foreign Investment Watch’s go-to resource for insights related to international trade, embargoes, sanctions and industrial security. A partner at Holland & Knight, Tzinova has significant experience representing clients before CFIUS, and advises on measures to mitigate Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence in cross-border mergers and acquisitions, particularly in the defense sector. She has helped our readers understand ongoing FIRRMA developments like [excepted foreign states](#), and has significant experience with ITAR, OFAC and other regulations and global trade matters. Tzinova can be reached at [antonia.tzinova@hkllaw.com](mailto:antonia.tzinova@hkllaw.com).



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If we're honest with ourselves, H.K. Park should be on our payroll. The head of the National Security practice at Crumpton Global, Park has provided Foreign Investment Watch with more scoops and "heads-up" stories than any other CFIUS expert on the planet. A former Assistant to the Secretary of Defense on homeland security matters, Park spent nearly two decades at the advisory firm launched by former Secretary of Defense and Member of Congress William S. Cohen, where he led the firm's Korea and Southeast Asia practices. An expert on helping companies think about expansion into foreign markets, particularly Asia, Park is one of the few experts on outbound foreign-investment regimes, and was the first to explain to our readers how [national security audits](#) could be a direct result of any outbound legislation or Executive Order. He can be reached at [hpark@martincrumpton.com](mailto:hpark@martincrumpton.com).



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A former Deputy Director at the Office of Foreign Investment Review at the DoD, Grigore Alexandru has been a long-time advisor to Foreign Investment Watch who should have made this list years ago. An expert on the national security review process administered by CFIUS, Grigore has deep expertise on FOCI, ITAR, EAR, and other regulations. His breakdown for readers on the [CFIUS co-lead role](#), and his explanation of the DoD's recent [unclassified CFIUS procedures document](#), remain two of the most widely-read articles we've ever published. He's provided readers with [top takeaways](#) of CFIUS's annual report, and has provided behind-the-scenes insights for Foreign Investment Watch on the inner-workings of the DoD's foreign-investment review process. Alexandru can be reached at [galexandru@sidley.com](mailto:galexandru@sidley.com).



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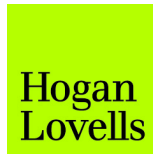


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