

Sanctions Law Firm of the year, U.S.A.

Winner: Latham & Watkins

Bill McGlone and Les Carnegie 'know their stuff!' The two men lead the Export Controls, Economic Sanctions & Customs Practice at **Latham & Watkins** in Washington, DC. The team handles significant and highly-sensitive matters for clients in the aerospace, energy, banking and financial, and high technology industries in connection with U.S. government investigations and enforcement actions arising under trade and economic sanctions laws.

In one of the highest profile cases of the year, Latham represented Schlumberger, the world's largest oilfield services company, in a multiple agency investigation of alleged violations of U.S. sanctions governing company operations in Iran and Sudan. In April 2015, a non-U.S. subsidiary of the parent entity pled guilty to a one-count criminal information and paid US\$233 million



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in fines and forfeiture. The grand jury investigation was conducted by the D.C. United States Attorney's Office and the Counterespionage Section of U.S. Department of Justice's ('DOJ') National Security Division. The global, six-year investigation by DOJ involved novel and complex legal, factual and policy issues and covered conduct throughout the world. Two other U.S. agencies closed their related investigations without taking any action against the company.

Meanwhile, Latham has helped several humanitarian organisations,

including CARE USA, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Mercy Corps, overcome crucial barriers to providing emergency relief to Syria that are tied to U.S. economic sanctions and stringent export control laws.

Over the Atlantic, attorneys in the firm's Brussels, London and Moscow offices are also acting as counsel in high-profile litigation before the EU's General Court in Luxembourg, challenging on behalf of VTB Bank aspects of the EU's sanctions on Russia.

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