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Gil Kaplan is a partner at King & Spalding and is in the International Trade Practice Group. His practice focuses on international trade cases and trade policy issues. He has represented clients in a wide range of cases on antidumping (price discrimination), countervailing duties (subsidies), Section 337, (intellectual property infringement) and other trade matters. He also advises clients on trade policy and legislative matters, as well as trade negotiations such as those involving the WTO. He was named President of the Committee to Support U. S. Trade Laws as of May 1, 2010.

From 1990 to 2004 he was a senior partner at Hale and Dorr, Chairman of the Government and Regulatory Affairs Department and headed the International Trade Group. From 1983 to 1988, Mr. Kaplan served in several senior positions in the U.S. government. He was the acting assistant secretary for Import Administration, and the deputy assistant secretary for Import Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. While there, Mr. Kaplan was in charge of administering the U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws, and conducted over five hundred antidumping and countervailing duty cases. These included cases on cellular mobile telephones, steel and steel related products, textiles and apparel and a variety of semiconductor and high-technology products.

Mr. Kaplan supervised the President's Steel Program, the U.S.-Japan Agreement on Trade in Semiconductors, the U.S.-Canada agreement on lumber and the machine tool program. In addition, he oversaw the foreign trade zones program, as well as the Office of Industrial Resource Administration, which develops and implements programs to ensure the availability of industrial resources to meet U.S. peacetime and emergency requirements. He was a principal spokesman for the administration on legislative and congressional issues pertaining to the dumping, countervailing duty and National Security import relief (Section 232) laws.

Mr. Kaplan was also an active participant in the negotiation of the World Trade Organization Agreement. He testified before the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, as well as before the House and Senate GATT Task Forces. He worked extensively with congressional committees and U.S. trade representative officials to craft the final language in the GATT Implementing Bill, which was signed by President Clinton in 1994 and traveled to Geneva to meet with GATT officials and negotiators. He has worked extensively on Rules Negotiations issues in the current Doha Round, having travelled repeatedly to Geneva in connection with these negotiations and having been one of the few non-Governmental representatives from the U. S. in Doha, Qatar for the kick-off of these negotiations in 2001.