



## Forrest R. Hansen

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### Practice Areas

International  
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### Languages

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**Forrest Hansen** represents multinational corporations in complex cross-border regulatory investigations and litigation. His practice focuses on finance, technology, media, manufacturing, antitrust, FCPA, compliance, and fraud. He also is a lecturer of comparative constitutional law at Université Paris Cité: Faculté de Droit.

Mr. Hansen regularly represents institutions in complex litigations in federal and state court throughout the United States. He also counsels institutions in examinations, investigations, and enforcement actions by the United States Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Trade Commission, and state regulatory agencies.

Mr. Hansen previously served as in-house counsel for a global financial institution and leverages his knowledge of financial processes, procedures, and governance to advise senior executives at corporations on legal risk and litigation strategy. Mr. Hansen has practiced law in Paris, France, and often represents clients in global and cross-border matters involving Europe, South America, and Asia.

Mr. Hansen recently served as the executive director of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. Previously, Mr. Hansen served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hansen often speaks on issues concerning corporate internal investigations, professional responsibility, attorney well-being, and comparative constitutional law. Mr. Hansen also previously served as the executive secretary and member of the board of directors of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Mr. Hansen is a 2007 *cum laude* graduate of American University, Washington College of Law, where he was on the senior editorial board of the American University *Law Review*, and a 2003 graduate of Brigham Young University. He is fluent in French and Spanish.

### Education

American University Washington College of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2007  
 – American University Law Review, Senior Editorial Board: Federal Circuit Editor  
 – 2006 Rene Cassin Moot Court Team Member  
 Brigham Young University, BA, International Politics and French, 2003  
 – Four-year Academic-Athlete Award Recipient  
 – Men's Gymnastics Team (1997-1998)  
 – Football Team (2001-2003)

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## Experience

### ***Select Representative Matters***

#### **Investigations and Criminal Defense**

- Represented global financial institution before the DOJ and CFTC in connection with investigations related to benchmark interest rates including LIBOR and EURIBOR for possible violations of federal and state antitrust and fraud laws, as well as the Commodities Exchange Act.
- Conducted internal investigation for financial institution related to equity trade orders.
- Represented multinational corporation in the formation of a joint venture following an in-depth investigation of the proposed transaction by the United States Federal Trade Commission. This cross-border matter also received clearance in China, Germany, and South Korea.
- Represented a United States publicly held corporation in an investigation by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Counsel for French multinational corporation in antitrust price-fixing investigation by U.S. and E.U. antitrust authorities.
- Represented major Mexican chemical manufacturer in responding to inquiry by the United States Federal Trade Commission.
- Successful defense of federal criminal action against individual charged with obstruction of justice in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; won jury acquittals on both substantive counts.

#### **Litigation and Arbitration**

- Successfully obtained dismissal of consumer putative class action in federal court for global financial institution related to financial structured products and student lending.
- Successfully obtained affirmance in the Florida State Court of Appeal for global financial institution upholding the dismissal of claims of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented a global bank in Pennsylvania federal and state court seeking to enforce a foreign judgment.
- Successfully defended a multinational investment bank and financial services company against fraud and RICO claims related to the securitization of a borrower's mortgage.
- Obtained a unanimous ruling for a global investment bank from a FINRA arbitration panel granting a motion to dismiss and declaring the churning and suitability claims ineligible for submission to arbitration.
- Represented financial institution in FINRA arbitration related to the settlement of trades of preferred stock and corporate actions.

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## Experience Continued

### **Litigation and Arbitration Continued**

- Represented financial institution in commercial litigations related to asset backed securities, securities class actions and lender liability actions.
- Successfully defended mortgage loan servicer against putative class action claims alleging fraud and unfair practices.

### **Compliance**

- Designed FCPA, U.K. Bribery Act, AML, whistleblower, and antitrust compliance policies, and drafted corporate codes of conduct for global corporations.
- Performed fraud mapping analysis of internal controls and risk assessment for a European corporation, updated compliance policies and procedures, and provided risk-based training.
- Provided antitrust and FCPA compliance advice to domestic and foreign corporations; designed antitrust, FCPA, and U.K. Bribery Act compliance policies and training.
- Conducted in-person antitrust compliance training and drafted compliance training for two Korean corporations, focusing on information exchanges and benchmarking.
- Regularly counseled multinational corporations on antitrust issues and risks under the Sherman, Clayton, FTC, and Robinson-Patman Acts; drafted antitrust risk analyses for corporations entering into supply agreements, forming new business strategies, and contemplating various acquisition scenarios.
- Drafted compliance reports and conducted training based on corporation's consent decree with Federal Trade Commission and agreement with joint venture partners.

### **Professional Responsibility**

- Conducted investigation to assess potential attorney misconduct and provided recommendations.
- Advised law department of multinational corporation on attorney registration and reporting.
- Frequent lecturer on trends in legal ethics and attorney well-being.
- Former adjunct professor of legal ethics at American University, Washington College of Law.

### **Pro Bono/Community Service**

- Successful representation of applicant under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction following trial in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Represented multiple persons in naturalization applications.

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## **Pro Bono/Community Service Continued**

- Provided constitution drafting advice for foreign states, focusing on equal protection, freedom of expression, separation of powers, and the political question doctrine.
  - Lecturer of comparative constitutional law at the Université Paris Descartes: Faculté de Droit.
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## **Admissions & Affiliations**

*Bar Admissions:* District of Columbia, 2010  
Pennsylvania, 2007  
Utah, 2022

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## **Clerkships**

- Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2007-2009