

International Trade Expert and His Team Join Hughes Hubbard

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Washington, D.C. July 11, 2008 – Hughes Hubbard announced today that Kenneth J. Pierce, who practices in the area of international trade, has joined the firm as a partner in its Washington, D.C. office. Mr. Pierce is Department Head of the firm's International Trade Remedies Group.

The addition of Mr. Pierce, along with a team that includes counsels Robert L. LaFrankie and Victor S. Mroczka and associate Andrés A. Castrillón, significantly increases to 15 attorneys the size of Hughes Hubbard's International Trade Practice, "signaling the firm's commitment to our already strong international practice," said Practice Chair Amanda DeBusk.

The 2007 edition of Chambers USA observed when Mr. Pierce "puts his hand to something, he always does it well."

Mr. Pierce said, "My team and I are most fortunate to become a part of Hughes Hubbard's excellent and rapidly expanding international practice, with its prominent and deep reach across core international concentrations."

Mr. Pierce's practice includes the full range of U.S. international trade actions, such as antidumping and countervailing duty, safeguards, Section 301, Customs and GSP investigations. He has been lead defense counsel in dozens of trade investigations in the United States and other countries. These cases, many of them high profile, have involved a wide range of industries such as steel, auto and auto parts, aviation, energy, shrimp, metals, minerals, rice, electronics, chemicals, swine, consumer goods, and textiles and apparel, in several countries, including Japan, Mexico, Canada, Thailand, the European Community, Indonesia, South Africa, China, India, South Korea, Brazil, and Vietnam.

Mr. Pierce leads the litigation and policy aspects of trade defenses at the agency, legislative, and federal judicial levels, and at the World Trade Organization, including settlement negotiations. His clients include major foreign manufacturers and their U.S.-based operations, foreign governments, trading houses, U.S. importers and consuming industries, and trade associations.

Mr. Pierce received his J.D., cum laude, from Cornell Law School. Before law school, he served as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. Robert LaFrankie is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and served as senior counsel in the Office of Chief Counsel, International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department. Victor Mroczka received his J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law and is a member of the board of the Customs and International Trade Bar Association and co-chair of the ABA's Africa Committee. Andrés Castrillón received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School and as a fluent Spanish speaker, is focused on Latin American clients.

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP has offices in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Miami, Jersey City, Paris, and Tokyo, and over 30 specialized practices. The firm is ranked #6 in the "top firms among the nation's legal elite," by *The American Lawyer*, as well as #4 in "Top Growth Firms" among the nation's 200 largest firms over the last 10 years.

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