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OVERVIEW

Dave Allman advises clients on the full spectrum of national security, international trade, and commercial regulatory issues affecting the aerospace, defense, technology, and manufacturing sectors. With 27 years of experience in the national security arena, Dave brings a deeply informed perspective on the regulatory, operational, and commercial dynamics that shape the defense industrial base.

His practice spans DCSA and NISPOM compliance, FOCI mitigation, export controls (ITAR/EAR), foreign investment controls, industrial security governance, commercial and government contracting, cross-border transactions, and defense sector M&A.

Before joining the firm, Dave served as Director of International Trade Compliance and Legislative Affairs at a major aerospace and defense company. In that role, he built and led the company's global compliance program and advised senior leadership on commercial and defense export strategy, licensing models, supply chain and technology transfer frameworks, joint ventures, commercial contracting, and market-entry strategies across the Middle East, Europe, and Asia.

Dave's commercial background is complemented by significant national security experience. He has guided companies through complex DCSA reviews, multi-layered FOCI events, cross-border M&A requiring national security mitigation, Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) filings, supply chain security evaluations, and sensitive export control and sanctions matters. He regularly advises private equity investors, OEMs, suppliers, integrators, and emerging technology companies on aligning commercial objectives with national security and regulatory requirements.

His perspective is further strengthened by his military service, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, providing grounded operational insight into defense program risk, government expectations, and the practical realities of regulated environments.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- SIA Volunteer of the Year, 2014

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Dave serves as President of the Society for International Affairs (SIA), a respected non-profit organization dedicated to educating government and industry on the ITAR, EAR, defense trade controls, and related national security frameworks.
    - A majority of SIA's membership comes from the global aerospace and defense community, including OEMs, suppliers, integrators, and technology developers. Dave's leadership role reflects his recognized standing in the industry and gives him continuous insight into evolving regulatory, policy, and commercial trends.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Virtual ITAR Proficiency Series,” *ACI Proficiency*, February 2023
- Speaker, Winter and Summer *SIA Back to Basics* Conferences, 2022-2024
- Speaker, “Virtual ITAR Proficiency Series,” *ACI Proficiency*, February 2022

EDUCATION

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, *cum laude*
- B.A., The Citadel

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 18 November 2026, BIS Targets Remote Access to Advanced Computing: New Controls for Semiconductor Companies and Data Centers
- 29 July 2026, Not a Cost of Doing Business: DOJ and DHS Issue New Benchmark Guide for Trade Fraud Compliance
- 13 November 2025, White House Announces One-Year Suspension of BIS Affiliates Rule Following US-China Trade Negotiations
- 6 October 2025 , BIS Rule Significantly Expands Reach of Entity List Export Controls; Includes Temporary General License
- 10 September 2025, United States Significantly Relaxes Sanctions and Export Control Restrictions on Syria

- 10 September 2025, ITAR Final Rule Revises the USML and Adds New License Exemption for Covered Activities Involving Unmanned Underwater Vehicles
- 28 July 2025, Trump DOJ Elevating Criminal Prosecution of Tariff Evasion
- 29 May 2025, US Provides Broad Sanctions Relief to Syria
- 27 May 2025, The Trump Administration Announces Trade Agreement With China
- 22 May 2025, The Trump Administration Announces Trade Agreement With the United Kingdom
- 2 April 2025, President Trump Announces "Reciprocal" Tariffs Beginning 5 April 2025
- 4 March 2025, President Trump's 4 March Tariffs Against Canada, Mexico, and China
- 4 March 2025, Trump Administration Directs CFIUS to Tighten Restrictions on Investment From Certain Countries While Easing National Security Reviews of Investments From Allies and Partners
- 26 February 2025, Trump Administration Directs CFIUS to Tighten Restrictions on Investment From Certain Countries While Easing National Security Reviews of Investments From Allies and Partners
- 24 February 2025, President Trump Takes Additional Actions on Reciprocal Tariffs, Shipping, and Digital Services Taxes
- 17 February 2025, President Trump Directs US Trade Agencies to Formulate Reciprocal Tariffs
- 11 February 2025, President Trump Resets US Tariffs on Imports of Steel and Aluminum From All Countries
- 7 February 2025, US Tariff and Trade Update: Temporary Pause on Canada and Mexico, Tariffs on China, China Retaliation, and What's Next
- 2 February 2025, President Trump Orders Additional Tariffs on Imports From Canada, China, and Mexico
- 26 November 2024, Trump Signals First-Day Tariff Hikes Targeting China, Canada, and Mexico
- November 2024, 2024 Post-Election Recap Discussion
- 26 August 2024, AUKUS Series—Part 1: What is AUKUS?
- 26 June 2024, US Treasury Department Moves Closer to Implementing Outbound Investment Restrictions Through Latest Proposed Regulations
- 7 May 2024, State Department Aims to Streamline Export Controls for Future Collaboration Among the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia
- 22 April 2024, The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States Sharpens Its Enforcement Edge: Proposed Regulatory Revisions Expand Penalty Authority

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "US Treasury Department Moves Closer to Implementing Outbound Investment Restrictions Through Latest Proposed Regulations," *The Global Trade Law Journal*, November–December 2024

NEWS & EVENTS

- 22 May 2025, Trump's Impact on Tax and Trade in the MENA/GCC Region, Hosted by Association of Corporate Counsel Middle East and North Africa
- 5 September 2024, AUKUS Unveiled: Charting the Future of US Export Controls
- 15 May 2024, K&L Gates Adds Pair of International Trade Partners to Washington, D.C., Office

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 28 April 2026, *Business News* | Iran war strengthens Aukus deal, experts say

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Featured, "Washington DC partners optimistic on Australian defence industry" *Business News Australia*, 12 May 2025

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security

INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace and Defense
- Manufacturing