

Morgan Lewis Adds Sanctions Expert To Bolster Trade Practice

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Law360 (September 5, 2025, 3:43 PM EDT) -- The former co-chair of Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP's sanctions, export controls and anti-money laundering practice group has moved his practice to Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP's Washington, D.C., office.

Michael Huneke has been welcomed this week as a partner in the international trade and national security practice group in Washington, the firm announced Thursday. He said in a statement to Law360 Pulse Friday that he is excited to join Morgan Lewis' "deep bench" in the economic security and national security space and help his clients through the firm's international platform.



Michael Huneke

"Being able to help clients to navigate cross-border, geopolitical challenges from a platform that reaches from Dubai to Europe to Washington to Silicon Valley and on to China and beyond is an amazing opportunity," Huneke said.

Huneke's practice advises clients on international and economic matters such as identifying and mitigating export controls, sanctions enforcement risks, and evolving tariff regulations. His work also includes counseling companies on internal and external anti-corruption investigations and reviews helping to develop compliance programs.

"I grew up as a professional by helping clients manage the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act enforcement and compliance risks," Huneke said. "I learned a lot in terms of identifying and managing risks based on 'red flags' and on reading the tea leaves from government guidance and enforcement activity. I see a huge amount of adjacency between that experience and corporate, white-collar enforcement trends in the national security space."

Jami McKeon, chair of Morgan Lewis, said in a statement that Huneke's "nuanced understanding" of sanctions and export controls is a natural fit for the firm's client base.

"Mike's arrival reflects our continued investment in high-impact international trade and investigations work across jurisdictions," she said. "Mike's international fluency and practical insight into complex trade and tariff regimes will strengthen our ability to advise clients facing heightened challenges in our global economy."

Huneke earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 2005 and started his legal career as an associate at White & Case LLP. He moved to Hughes Hubbard in June 2010 and was made partner in

January 2016. In October 2024, he was named co-chair of its sanctions, export controls and AML practice group.

Troy S. Brown, chair of Morgan Lewis' litigation group, said Huneke brings a technical depth and a "team-first" approach to the practice.

"His experience in Europe, particularly in France, positions him to drive cross-office collaboration and expand our client service offerings," he said. "We also see significant synergies that will drive expansion with our aviation and compliance practices, and we are excited for what's ahead."

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