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OVERVIEW

Charlene has built a robust career in national security and cybersecurity law, with extensive experience in both the federal government and academia. She applies a deep understanding of the government's approach to enforcement to help clients understand and navigate the complexities of regulatory compliance. Charlene advises both domestic and international clients from a diverse range of industry sectors.

Charlene has served in various attorney-advisor roles within federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Department of Justice. At the Department of Homeland Security, Charlene led the legal team for the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Services Sector or "Team Telecom," managing cases and overseeing site visits. She also supported the Foreign Investment Risk Management Team, addressing legal issues related to foreign investment and national security risks. Her work involved handling cases for the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. (CFIUS) and advising on export controls, forced labor, trade, and national security matters.

Previously, Charlene contributed to the FCC's cybersecurity and supply chain policies, including the development of submarine cable outage rules and the management of the COVID-19 telehealth program. At the DOJ, she focused on FOIA decisions, privacy, and national security issues.

In addition to her government service, Charlene is an adjunct faculty member at American University, where she teaches courses on terrorism, public policy, and administrative law. Her dedication has earned her recognition as a "Tech Innovadores" Honoree and a Cyber Rising Star.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Criminal Defense: White-Collar* (2026)
- Hispanic Technology & Telecommunications Partnership, "Tech Innovadores" Honoree, 2021
- Women's Society of Cyberjutsu, Cyber Rising Star, 2021

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- CFIUS

- [International](#)
- [Sanctions + Trade Controls](#)
- [Tariff + Trade Task Force](#)
- [White Collar Litigation + Investigations](#)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, LL.M., 2021, national security and cybersecurity law
- American University Washington College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2016, co-chair, Joint Journal Committee; symposium editor, *Business Law Review*
- Florida International University, B.A., B.S., 2009, political science; print journalism

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[Federal Circuit Court of Appeals Issues Ruling Deeming Tariffs Under IEEPA Unlawful](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, September 2, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Limited Relaxation of US Export Controls on Syria Leaves Many Restrictions in Place](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, September 2, 2025.
- Co-author, "[CFIUS Releases 2024 Annual Report on National Security and Foreign Investment](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, August 21, 2025.
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- Co-author, "[Navigating Change: First 100 Days Under the Trump Administration](#)," *2025 Digital Asset Developments*, May 28, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Review Risk Is Increasing for Foreign Real Estate Developers](#)," *Law360*, May 27, 2025.
- Co-author, "[New “Fast-Track” Announced for Foreign Investment Approval](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 20, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Crude Crimes: Treasury Warns on Oil Smuggling and Money Laundering](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 8, 2025.

- Co-author, "FEOC May Expand in Scope and Application for Inflation Reduction Act," *POWER Magazine*, May 1, 2025.
- Co-author, "US Assembly Offset for Section 232 Auto Tariffs and Tariff Stacking Guidance Introduced," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 30, 2025.
- Co-author, "White House Releases List of Products Excluded From Reciprocal Tariffs," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 14, 2025.
- Co-author, "US Modifies Reciprocal Tariff Rates," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 11, 2025.
- Co-author, "New Steel and Aluminum Tariffs in Effect," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 10, 2025.
- Co-author, "New Section 232 Tariffs on Automobiles and Automotive Parts," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 8, 2025.
- Co-author, "Unpacking the New Reciprocal Tariffs Reshaping US Trade Policies," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 7, 2025.
- Co-author, "Unprecedented 'Secondary Tariffs' for Oil Trade With Venezuela," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 27, 2025.
- Co-author, "4 Actions for Cos. as SEC Rebrands Cyber Enforcement Units," *Law360*, March 21, 2025.
- Co-author, "Foreign Influence in Universities Targeted by Trump Administration," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 20, 2025.
- Co-author, "Exclusions From the Tariffs on Canadian and Mexican Goods Under HTS Chapters 98 and ??99," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 14, 2025.
- Co-author, "New U.S. Tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China Take Effect – Retaliatory Measures Escalate Trade Tensions," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 7, 2025.
- Co-author, "Investment Reviews, Sanctions, Exports, and More: The Enforcement Outlook Under ?Trump," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 3, 2025.
- Author, "The Right to be Forgotten" and its Unintended Consequences to Intelligence Gathering, *Florida Journal of International Law*, 2020.
- Author, "The National Security Landscape Issues of the Metaverse," *The SciTech Lawyer*, American Bar Association, 2023.
- Co-author, *Schrems II Requires a Rethink of the CLOUD Act*, IAPP, 2020.
- Author, *Latin America's Open Data Risks*, IAPP, 2020.
- Author, "The Trade-Off Between Citizens United and Section 317 of the Communications Act: Strengthening the Sponsor Identity Requirements in Political Advertisements," *Georgetown Entertainment & Media Alliance Law Review*, 2018.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "USMCA 'Tariff-Shift' Provisions Offer 'Massive' Incentive for Plastics Manufacturers to Route Supply Chains Through Mexico Rather than Rebuild Manufacturing Capacity in U.S.," *Capital Forum*, April 30, 2025.