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Efrain Perez is the Acting Director of the Outbound Enforcement Division. The Outbound Enforcement Division was established to provide the national policy and guidance for outbound passengers and cargo operations. Mr. Perez began his career as an Inspector within the U.S. Customs Service in 1991 on the Southwest Border. He has served as Program Manager within U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Outbound Enforcement Division and the Non-Intrusive Inspection Division in Washington D.C. since April 2000.



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Fluent in German and French, Michelle has extensive experience in international trade law, including both export and import law. She has assisted U.S. and foreign companies with a variety of Customs and international trade matters such as compliance programs, ITAR and EAR licensing, commodity jurisdiction, classification, country sanctions, voluntary and directed disclosures, export investigations, technology transfers, C-TPAT, foreign-trade zones, and fines, penalties, and forfeitures. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and the U.S. Court of International Trade. In 2010 and 2011, Michelle was named a "Rising Star" in International Law by Texas Monthly and Texas Super Lawyers Magazines.

Under the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Michelle serves on the President's Export Council Subcommittee for Export Administration (PECSEA), a senior-level advisory body to the U.S. Department of Commerce and, in particular, its Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). In addition, she serves as a federal advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative on the Industry Trade Advisory Committee for Aerospace (ITAC-1).

Among other organizations, Michelle has spoken on trade law issues for the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Energy, Thai Ministry of Commerce, National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ), International Compliance Professionals Association (ICPA), Association of Trade Compliance Professionals (ATCP), and the American Petroleum Institute (API.) Additionally, she is a member of the Aerospace Committee of the French-American Chamber of Commerce, the Society for International Affairs (SIA), and the Export Compliance and Facilitation Committee of the American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI). Her ongoing pro bono work includes wills and estate planning for the terminally ill through the Dallas Legal Hospice.

A few examples of past activities include Vice Chair of the Dallas Regional Chamber Trade Development Committee; the Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Subcommittee on Bonds and Penalties related to the Proposed Importer Security Filing Requirements (10+2); the Trade Support Network (TSN), which Customs established in 1994 to provide a forum for the discussion of significant redesign efforts for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE); VP of Legal for the D/FW Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT); Co-Chair of the Dallas Section of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); and Adjunct Professor of International Business Law at Richland College, where she received the "Thunderation" teaching award in 2006.

Prior to co-founding Braumiller Schulz, Michelle worked for the Immigration and Refugee Services of America in Washington, D.C. and the International Institute of San Francisco. Michelle graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with honors from Tulane University, where she was a member of the Mortar Board National Honors Society. She studied French literature at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, and German at the Lessing-Kolleg in Marburg, Germany. She was selected for the Fulbright educational exchange program in Vienna, Austria, where she also volunteered her time in a major reconstruction project for Bosnia at the American Embassy of Vienna. Michelle earned her MA in German from Vanderbilt University. She then received her JD from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, where she served on the boards of the Texas International Law Journal, the Asian Law Students Association, and the International Law Society. She studied International Law at the University of Leiden, The Netherlands.



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Mr. Omari Wooden joined the U. S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division in 1997 and is currently the Foreign Trade Division's Trade Ombudsman. Mr. Wooden acts as a liaison between the export trade community and government agencies such as Census and Customs & Border Protection (CBP) for issues related to the Automated Export System (AES) and the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR).

Mr. Wooden has been recognized numerous times for his outstanding work with the export trade community. He has received special recognition for his effort with the AES Team for marketing and customer service. In 2002, he was awarded a group Hammer Award for his work on the AES. In addition, he was also awarded a group Director's Award for Innovation in 2008 for his work on *AESpcLink*. Most recently, Mr. Wooden received a team Silver Medal Award for Leadership from the Department of Commerce for his work on the revision and implementation of the new FTR

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Brandi Hanback is Managing Director of Rockefeller Group Foreign Trade Zone Services, a company dedicated to assisting global companies with Foreign Trade Zone feasibility, approval, activation and operational support services. Ms. Hanback holds a Juris Doctorate and a master's degree in international transactions, and she is a licensed Customs Broker. She received a Hammer Award as part of Vice Presidents Gore's National Performance Review for her work in facilitating the resolution of complex issues between Customs & Border Protection and the U.S. Oil Refinery Industry.

She has also completed a study of Northern Border Trade for Customs & Border Protection. Ms. Hanback currently serves as the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones and she is Vice President of Trade & Logistics for Rockefeller Group Development Corporation.