

Rising Star: Kelley Drye's Joshua Morey

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Law360 (August 12, 2025, 4:00 PM EDT) -- Joshua Morey of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP has racked up several trade wins for the U.S. domestic industry, including duty orders on aluminum sheets imported from 16 countries, earning him a spot among the international trade lawyers under 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

The biggest case of his career:

Morey helped lead one of the largest, if not the largest, trade remedy cases on common alloy aluminum sheets, which resulted in anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders on 16 countries.

The U.S. Court of International Trade unanimously voted in March 2021 that the aluminum imports from a broad range of countries were hurting U.S. producers, greenlighting anti-dumping duties on imports from Bahrain, Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Oman, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan and Turkey, and countervailing duty orders on imports from Bahrain, India and Turkey.

The U.S. Department of Commerce had earlier that month teed up tariffs ranging from 2.02% for one Turkish producer to 242.8% for a German company, calling the underlying duty probe the "broadest U.S. trade enforcement action in two decades."

Morey said there were a couple of things that made the case particularly challenging, including the fact that it involved so many countries.

"Putting the petitions together was a huge undertaking," he said.

Then there was the COVID-19 pandemic.

Morey said that by the time he and his team got ready to file, offices had started shutting down, upending their normal flow of work.

Morey, who was working at Kelley Drye's Washington, D.C., office at the

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U.S. Court of International Trade
Judge Claire R. Kelly

time, recalled having a whole room reserved for the 16 countries and then having to transition to remote work.

"We had everything stacked up, and just trying to keep everything organized and together during that time was really crazy," he said.

Their work ultimately paid off. Following the ITC's vote, the Commerce Department handed down its duty orders on the 16 countries in April 2021.

Other notable cases he's worked on:

In addition to aluminum sheets, Morey, as co-lead counsel, in April got the ITC to unanimously find that unfairly traded imports of disposable aluminum foil containers from China were materially injuring U.S. producers, including Reynolds Consumer Products LLC and other members of the Aluminum Foil Container Manufacturers Association.

But Morey has secured several significant wins for U.S. industries beyond aluminum.

In May 2024, Edsal Manufacturing Co. Ltd., with Morey as co-lead counsel, also secured a final affirmative determination from the ITC that boltless steel shelving from Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam was injuring the Chicago-based steel shelving and cabinet-maker.

There's also the fresh garlic industry and the Fresh Garlic Producers Association, which Morey has worked with for most of his career.

An anti-dumping duty on fresh garlic from China has been in place since 1994, before Morey started his legal career.

He explained that China produces the majority of the world's garlic and, thus, has a strong incentive to dump its garlic into different countries.

In 2020, Morey had secured for the trade group quick relief from imports evading the anti-dumping order through a novel Enforce and Protect Act allegation with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The win was the first of its kind by Kelley Drye.

His proudest moment as an attorney:

While the win for the Aluminum Association marked Morey's biggest case, he said he takes pride in representing smaller companies, getting feedback from clients and thank you's after achieving a good result.

One of his clients was a downstream steel manufacturing company whose CEO told the team they had to either shut their factory down or file a case.

"Winning that case and seeing that factory still up and running, and all the jobs still available for people in those communities, was a pretty proud moment for me," Morey said.

Why he chose to go into international trade law and what motivates him:

International trade seemed like a natural fit for Morey, who said he has long been interested in policy, international relations and economics.

He said he likes the practice because it gives lawyers a chance to interact with the government while still standing up in court and doing oral arguments and getting to work with diverse clients.

Morey had his start in international trade back at Brooklyn Law School when he worked as a research assistant for CIT Judge Claire R. Kelly, who was a professor there at the time and who was nominated to the court in Morey's third year.

After graduating, Morey went on to clerk for Judge Kelly for roughly two years before joining Kelley Drye.

Now a partner at Kelley Drye, Morey, who grew up on the East Coast, said he's learned a lot about U.S. industries and jobs by traveling to clients all over the country.

He said he finds motivation in helping U.S. industries remain competitive, which supports jobs and communities in the country.

On the future of the international trade practice:

The area of international trade is changing fast, Morey said.

For example, while customs and country of origin and how to classify merchandise are some of the first things one learns about when beginning to study international trade law, they've never been a big part of Morey's practice, he said.

But now, with the global tariffs being put in place, those aspects of the practice are making a comeback, he said.

Morey explained that there were basically no duties on most products that came into the U.S. until the first and second Trump administrations.

"We are in a time right now where there's so much happening," he said.

Critical minerals have also become a hot topic these days given their use in electric vehicle batteries and motors, solar panels, wind turbines, and even in defense technologies.

Morey has developed niche expertise on the issue, particularly when it comes to supply chain and access.

With countries like China and Russia having strong incentives to limit access, Morey said ensuring that the U.S. has a steady supply of the raw materials is "critical for U.S. manufacturing."

--As told to Rae Ann Varona. Editing by Kristen Becker.

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