

## **Tahlia Townsend Short Biography**

Co-chair of the International Trade Compliance practice at Wiggin and Dana, LLP, Tahlia is an experienced, Chambers-recognized financial sanctions, export controls, and foreign investment attorney (OFAC, ITAR, EAR and CFIUS) known for providing insightful, practical and timely guidance. Trusted by U.S. and international clients from global aerospace companies and international financial institutions, to top tier universities and hi-tech start-ups, Tahlia assists with government-directed and internal investigations, M&A and investment due diligence, CFIUS assessments and approvals, commodity classification and export license applications, and building and auditing compliance programs.

A popular speaker on compliance topics, Tahlia's recent speaking engagements include a June 2020 financial sanctions webinar for the International Union of Marine Insurance, two webinars on U.S. export controls and financial sanctions for the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Service in May 2020, and a panel presentation on global shipping and maritime financial sanctions risk at the American Conference Institute's 10th Annual Forum on AML & OFAC Compliance for the Insurance Industry in January 2020. Tahlia also teaches a course on U.S. trade controls at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Tahlia graduated from Yale Law School and clerked for two judges of the United States District Court. Before becoming a lawyer, Tahlia studied physics and chemistry, performed research in the Computer Science Department at Carnegie Mellon University, taught at the Lauder Javne Jewish community school in Budapest, Hungary, worked with an ecologist in the Serengeti, and studied French, German, and Hungarian.