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The Honorable Nazak Nikakhtar brings over two decades of experience in international trade and national security to help clients succeed in the domestic and global marketplace. Through leadership roles in the U.S. government and private sector, Nazak has leveraged her valuable insights into the expansive range of U.S. and international laws, regulatory and policy processes, and federal agency resources to achieve clients' business objectives.

Prior to joining Wiley, Nazak served as Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. She also served as the U.S. government's top official for export controls on dual-use items and technologies, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties as Under Secretary for the Bureau of Industry and Security. During her tenure at the Commerce Department, Nazak was the agency's primary liaison with U.S. industry and trade associations, and she shaped major initiatives to strengthen U.S. industry competitiveness, promote innovation, and accelerate economic and job growth. As one of the key national security experts in the U.S. government, she developed and implemented innovative laws, regulations, and policies to safeguard strategically important technologies, strengthen the U.S. industrial base, and protect the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States. As the Department's lead on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), she played a key role in shaping U.S. investment policy. As the head of the agency's trade policy office, she advised the U.S. government on legal and economic issues impacting critical technologies, advanced manufacturing, financial services, e-commerce, data privacy, cybersecurity, critical minerals/rare earths, and energy competition. Finally, as the federal agency's lead on supply chain assessments, Nazak spearheaded the United States' first-ever whole-of-government initiative to evaluate and strengthen supply chains across all strategic sectors of the economy.

Ms. Nikakhtar previously testified at the Commission's 2020 hearing on "China's Quest for Capital: Motivations, Methods, and Implications."