

INTRODUCTION

22ND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE, U.S. COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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On October 10, 2024, the U.S. Court of International Trade held its 22nd Judicial Conference. This unique Court Conference brought together the country's thought leaders from the bench, bar, and academia to engage in discussions about cutting-edge issues in international trade and customs law. The theme of the Conference was Transparency, Trade, and Technology.

The Conference provided robust discussions about the impact of new technologies and legislative changes on international trade and customs law. Topics at the Conference included the following: Agencies Speak (Principals from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol); Two Agencies, Two Enforcement Regimes: Scope, EAPA, and Circumvention Issues Before Customs and Commerce; Administrative Protective Order Rules: Protecting Business Proprietary Information While Striving For Transparency; Forced Labor: Framework, Supply Chain Issues, and Remedies; Can You Hear Me Now? Principles Affecting Getting Arguments Heard, Including Jurisdiction, Intervention, and Exhaustion; Static Rules and Evolving Business Information: The Ethics of Confidentiality in Trade Proceedings; Is Trade Special? Trade Law and Judicial Deference After *Loper Bright*; and A "Fireside Chat" with Members of the Bench.

The papers in this edition of the *Rutgers University Law Review* incorporate substantive reflections on these program topics by esteemed members of the international trade and customs bar.

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