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Carlton is an experienced appellate advocate and former senior US government lawyer. He has represented clients in high-stakes disputes in state and federal courts. Carlton's government service spans multiple agencies, including the US Department of Justice (DOJ), the US Department of the Treasury and the US Department of State, giving him a comprehensive understanding of federal regulatory and enforcement mechanisms. Drawing on his diverse experience, he offers clients creative solutions to help them navigate rapidly changing legal and regulatory environments.

Before joining Cooley, Carlton served in key roles in the federal government, most recently as senior counsel to the deputy attorney general at DOJ. In this capacity, he regularly advised department leadership on some of the highest-profile civil litigation facing the federal government, as well as other legal, policy and operational issues arising from DOJ's Civil Division, National Security Division, Tax Division, and Environmental and Natural Resources Division. Among other areas, Carlton advised the deputy attorney general on foreign investment issues, including transactions reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). Before his time at DOJ, Carlton served as senior advisor to the general counsel at the Treasury Department, where he focused on sanctions, international trade, international arbitration and national security litigation.

Carlton clerked for US Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, Judge Cornelia T.L. Pillard of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Judge Raymond J. Lohier Jr. of the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

## Education

Yale Law School JD, 2014

Harvard College AB, Social Studies, 2009

## Admissions & Credentials

New York

District of Columbia

## **Court Admissions**

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

US District Court for the District of Columbia