

## International Trade: How the trade policies and goals of the Obama Administration will be pursued at the federal and local level

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**Boston Bar Association – 16 Beacon Street, Boston, MA**

### Description:

The panel will look at the Obama administration's trade policy agenda to promote trade and exports, in line with the pledge he made in his State of the Union speech: the National Export Initiative (NEI) is intended to double U.S. exports and support 2 million new jobs by promoting new exports. At the same time, there are groups who are concerned about a renewed emphasis on free-trade policies, with issues ranging from the shift of US manufacturing jobs overseas to concerns about fair trade and implementing measures for labor (e.g., collective bargaining rights) and environmental standards, two items that Obama spoke about during his campaign. An overarching issue is how these goals might be pursued simultaneously or, alternatively, whether they are in tension with one another. We can also talk about how these policies play into local policy decisions at the state level.

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