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Randi Levinas is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the U.S.-Russia Business Council (USRBC). In this role, in cooperation with the Council's President, she oversees the day-to-day management of USRBC and provides strategic advice to USRBC members to assist them in achieving their commercial objectives in Russia and the United States.

Additionally, Ms. Levinas manages the Council's government relations portfolio, directing lobbying initiatives with the U.S. and Russian governments and counseling members on regulatory matters impacting bilateral trade and investment. Earlier, Ms. Levinas was actively engaged in the Council's work with the many working groups of the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission (BPC) and led private sector initiatives within the BPC related to industry standards and innovation. For a number of years she served as a cleared advisor on international trade matters to the U.S. Government as a member of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Standards and Technical Trade Barriers.

Ms. Levinas was closely involved in negotiations on Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization and served as the Executive Director of the Coalition for U.S.-Russia Trade, successfully leading an effort of more than 500 U.S. businesses and trade associations in U.S. Congressional approval of Russia's graduation from the Jackson-Vanik amendment and the extension of Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) to Russia.

She is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Women in International Trade (WIIT) Trust and of NCSEJ, the non-profit agency that fosters cooperation among the U.S. Government, governments of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and the Jewish communities of the United States and the region.

Prior to being named EVP and COO, Ms. Levinas served as the USRBC's Vice President for Policy and Programs (2006-2008) and Director for Policy and Programs (2005-2006).

Before joining USRBC, Ms. Levinas was a legislative and international trade policy analyst with the law firms of Kaye Scholer LLP and Morrison & Foerster LLP. At these firms, she collaborated in the development of strategy for clients involved in WTO disputes and advised foreign corporations and trade associations with respect to their international trade agendas in the U.S. market. Earlier in her career, Ms. Levinas was part of the legislative team of Shearman & Sterling where she advised the Government of Mexico's Trade Ministry (SECOFI) on the Congressional passage and implementation of the historic North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Ms. Levinas holds a B.A. in International Relations and Spanish from Tufts University and an M.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.