

International Investigations and Transactions

RFS membership in networks of investigators worldwide provides a global reach for international transactions, investments and investigations. RFS networks include former special agents of the IRS and FBI, postal inspectors, and agents of the CIA and FinCen who can be trusted to utilize the highest standards of quality and professionalism in completing assignments.

International Trade

Competitive intelligence is critical to the successful operation of a business abroad. What subsidies are competitors receiving? How are competitors dealing with export controls or customs valuation and classification? Rely on RFS to obtain confidential answers to such questions.

Local intelligence about unwritten business procedures, business customs and culture is invaluable. Obtaining public documents in foreign jurisdictions is difficult, but thanks to a global reach, RFS has succeeded in obtaining certified documents from around the globe.

Intellectual Property

In the new globalized economy, pirating of Intellectual Property is a major transnational problem. Brands are diluted and profitability damaged. Whether investigating acts of counterfeiting, gray market piracy, trade secret theft or patent infringement, local business practices and behavioral norms must be taken into account. RFS investigators have the global experience necessary to assemble the critical evidence.

International Business Transactions

Successful investment in a foreign country requires an even greater level of diligence than an investment at home. Who are the prospective business partners? Are there pending claims that haven't been fully disclosed? Do the books reflect reality? What is the real reason that this investment is being made available?

American expectations of transparency and full disclosure often conflict with a penchant for secrecy in many foreign cultures. Even with a waiver of confidentiality, it is very difficult to obtain information about foreign criminal proceedings, convictions, liens, judgments, and litigation involving a potential business partner or investment opportunity. RFS has the resources to obtain the answers questions without running afoul of foreign laws or customs.

Dispute Resolution

Formal discovery procedures involving international transactions can be cumbersome. Arbitration proceedings afford very little opportunity for formal discovery. RFS can move quickly, making sure that the information you need is where it is supposed to be. RFS locates witnesses before they are primed by the other party, and procures documents while they are still innocuous pieces of paper. The RFS team is familiar with local laws and customs, and will not jeopardize rights of clients.

Regulatory Compliance

Violations of international regulatory requirements can lead to financial loss, and even to the delisting of public companies. Violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, anti-boycott statutes, and similar provisions regulating international trade frequently result in enormous fines. Violations of such statutes may result in inaccuracies in financial statements, a basis for delisting under Sarbanes Oxley. RFS thoroughly investigates these complex matters while protecting work product, as well as client confidences.