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P. Lee Smith is a Shareholder at Baker Donelson and leads the firm's International Trade and National Security Practice. He is widely recognized for his deep experience in export controls, sanctions compliance, and national security regulations, drawing on over 20 years in both government and private practice.

A significant portion of his career was spent at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he served as Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement in the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). In that role, he oversaw the enforcement of U.S. export control laws governing dual-use technologies and commodities, led more than 115 federal agents, and helped implement major BIS policy initiatives, including the Military End User Rule, Entity List actions, and reforms under the Export Control Reform Act.

Today, Lee advises companies on Export Administration Regulations (EAR), International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), export licensing, commodity classifications, compliance programs, supply chain risk, and CFIUS matters. His combination of senior government enforcement experience and private-sector counseling makes him a leading advisor on complex export control and national security issues.