



**Judith Barnett**  
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Judith Barnett began The Barnett Group, L.L.C. in 2003 to provide international trade and government affairs consulting services for global companies and governments. Ms. Barnett provides strategic advice and continual implementation for companies interested in opening or expanding overseas markets, particularly in the Middle East region. Before consulting, Ms. Barnett served as a senior trade official in the Clinton Administration, practiced as a corporate lawyer and litigator, an adjunct law professor for eight years at Georgetown University Law Center, a public affairs specialist and speechwriter in the Carter Administration (U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Trade Commission), and a writer. Ms. Barnett serves on the State Department's Advisory Council for International Economic Policy (ACIEP), and the Board of Directors of Amideast and J-Street.

Ms. Barnett began her trade practice after serving in the Clinton Administration from October 1993 to December 1998. Her first position in the Administration was in the U.S. Department of Commerce as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration (ITA). In ITA/ TD, Ms. Barnett worked with the Assistant Secretary to manage an Office of 400 persons and a budget of \$ 49 million. Ms. Barnett then served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Africa and the Near East, U.S. Department of Commerce. As the DAS, she was responsible for activities and programs in 68 countries, including ending bilateral and multilateral trade barriers, creating and implementing regional projects and programs to grow trade and bilateral commerce, and advocating for the selection of US corporate tenders. She was the senior Commerce official working with the State Department responsible for trade/commercial activities associated with the Middle East Peace Process.

Over the past 12 years, Ms. Barnett has served as an international trade consultant, representing global companies to grow their markets in the MENA region. Her company works with governments of the region to end barriers by changing laws and regulations. As examples, Ms. Barnett has assisted clients to end unwarranted taxes, lift product bans, obtain favorable investment incentives for new plants and offices, end "irregular" lawsuits, and to evoke compliance with favorable provisions in bilateral and multilateral agreements.

In law practice before re-entering government during the Clinton Administration (1986 to 1993), Ms. Barnett practiced corporate law and litigation while serving for eight years as an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center. Prior to entering the law profession, Ms. Barnett served in the Carter and Reagan Administrations in public affairs and speechwriting. She has written articles for Vogue magazine, the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, UPI, the Washington Times, and has been a media commentator on CNN, BBC, and numerous international television programs. Ms. Barnett lives in Washington and has one daughter, who has served as an attorney at the White House and the U.S. Department of Justice as an appointee of President Barack Obama.

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