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Nicole Andrescavage is an associate of the Providence office of Lewis Brisbois. She obtained her J.D. from Roger Williams University School of Law, where she served as president of the school's Maritime Law Society. Nicole is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Prior to joining Lewis Brisbois, Nicole gained experience in environmental, land use, energy/utility, and municipal law at a small boutique firm. She also previously served as General Counsel and Director of Policy and Legal Affairs for two local maritime-related entities. In that capacity, she was a member of the Commonwealth of Dominica's delegation to the International Maritime Organization, and worked on various business, education, land use, maritime/admiralty, and sanctions compliance legal projects.

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Kyle Brennan is an associate at Marwedel, Minichello & Reeb in Chicago, Illinois and practices in the areas of maritime, commercial litigation, insurance, and transportation law. He is a 2011 *cum laude* graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, *cum laude*, and his LL.M. degree in maritime law, *with distinction*, from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, where he was a member of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal and participated in the 2015 Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition. Kyle is admitted to practice in the state courts of Illinois, Texas, and Louisiana; all U.S. District Courts in Louisiana and Texas, and the Northern District of Illinois; and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Seventh Circuits. Kyle is active in the Maritime Law Association of the United States and serves as the Young Lawyers Committee liaison to the Continuing Legal Education Committee.

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Blythe Daly is a member of the bars of the State of Florida and New York. She started her legal career at the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP in New York, where she practiced for over ten years in the maritime practice group and the firm's transportation sector. She represented vessel owners, managers, charterers, and their insurers in contract negotiations, corporate governance, commercial disputes, and casualty investigations. In 2019, she started her own firm, KBD Legal, PLLC, and she serves as the external General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for m/v *The World*, the largest private residential ship in the world. Prior to law school, she worked on tall ships, sailing yachts, and on the movie *Master and Commander*. Blythe holds a U.S.C.G. 100 ton Masters license and regularly sails and races on the East Coast.

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