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Karyn is a partner and leader of Thompson Hine LLP's Transportation practice. Based upon interviews with clients and peers, *Chambers USA* has recognized Karyn as one of the leading lawyers nationwide who represent shippers in rail and road transportation matters. She is also well known for her work on behalf of shippers in Federal Maritime Commission proceedings.

Karyn represents multinational corporations, trade associations, and 3PLs, NVOCCs, freight forwarders and brokers, in domestic and international matters involving multimodal transportation and logistics services. Her practice covers the carriage of goods by rail, motor, vessel and air carriers. Karyn serves as the general counsel to The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL), the nation's oldest and largest shipper organization.

Karyn represented the Coalition for Fair Port Practices, a group of 26 trade associations representing importers, exporters, draymen and 3PLs, in proceedings before the FMC in order to address unreasonable demurrage and detention charges that ultimately resulted in the FMC's adoption of an interpretive rule.

Karyn was at the forefront of passage of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 (OSRA) and is known for her work involving the negotiation of shipping contracts that are used predominantly in the field. She was directly involved in efforts to modernize the U.S. Carriage of Goods by Sea Act (COGSA) and other maritime cargo liability rules, having served on the U.S. delegation in the negotiation of the Rotterdam Rules adopted by the United Nations in 2008.

Karyn represented NITL in support of the trucking industry in the high-profile litigation involving federal preemption of the port of Los Angeles "Clean Trucks Program" in which the state of California's regulation was found to impose undue burdens on interstate trucking services.

Karyn's practice also includes regulatory counseling, compliance and proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board (STB), Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); transportation contracting; transportation security; legislation; and litigation/arbitration of transportation-related disputes.

Karyn is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. She is also admitted before the United States Supreme Court; United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Eighth Circuit, and the Fourth Circuit; and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

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