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Mr. Block is a shareholder and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. With over 20 years experience as a trial lawyer in four state jurisdictions, he concentrates his litigation practice on a variety of commercial, personal injury, product liability, transportation, customs, regulatory, employment and other matters. He has represented numerous local and national corporations and partnerships, commercial property owners and managers, transportation companies and consumers, asbestos defendants, fishing enterprises, tech industry companies and many others.

Mr. Block's transportation and logistics experience extends to all modes (domestic and international maritime, trucking, aviation and railroad). It includes cargo litigation, international trade and border security law, defense of personal injury claims, employment, insurance coverage, and general commercial disputes. Mr. Block represents transportation companies in regulatory matters before various state and local government agencies. He chairs the firm's Transportation & Logistics and International Trade & Security practice areas.

Fluent in Russian, Mr. Block negotiated elements of the Soviet-American Bilateral Maritime Agreement on behalf of the Congressional Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries in the early 1990's. His background includes advanced Russian studies and residence in Moscow, which led to his representing American interests in the former Soviet Union.

### Admissions

Washington  
New York  
District of Columbia

United States District Court, Western and Eastern Districts of Washington  
United States District Court, Southern District of New York  
United States District Court, District of Alaska  
United States Courts of Appeal, Ninth Circuit  
United States Court of International Trade

### Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association  
Past Chair, Subcommittee for Northwest Practice of the Committee for Law of the Former Soviet Union  
  
Anchorage Bar Association  
  
Association of Transportation Law Professionals  
Former National President Conference of

Freight Counsel Defense Research Institute

Editorial Advisory Board, Admiralty and Maritime Section of the *Transportation Law Journal*, University of Denver School of Law

Maritime Insurance Association of Seattle

Maritime Law Association of the United States  
Proctor in Admiralty

National Industrial Transportation League  
Associate Member

Seattle Transportation Club

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Seattle Executives Association  
Board of Directors (2007-2008)

Transportation Club of Tacoma

Transportation Lawyers Association  
Co-chair, Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association

Washington State Bar Association  
Litigation Section

### **Education**

American University, J.D., 1986  
Tulane Law School, LL.M. in Admiralty, 1994  
University of North Carolina, B.A. in Russian studies, 1982  
Middlebury College, M.A. in Russian studies, 1985  
Moscow's Pushkin Institute, Certificate, 1983

### **Publications**

Mr. Block is a prolific writer and lecturer. He has authored numerous articles as the West Coast editor of ForwarderLaw (an internet-based repository of legal resources of interest to the shipping community), and co-editor of the Motor column of ATLP Highlights. His writings are combined into Betts, Patterson & Mines' bimonthly transportation newsletter "Surf & Turf," which is available electronically. Mr. Block is a frequent contributor to The Transportation Lawyer (published by the Transportation Lawyers Association), and he penned KOOPERATIV (Winston 1997), a novel set in Russia reflecting his business and legal experiences there.

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# Biography

## Michael G. Chalos Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy, LLP

**Michael G. Chalos** is a senior partner of Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy, LLP, a New York firm specializing in maritime and environmental law. He is a 1970 graduate of the State University of New York, Maritime College at Fort Schuyler. Upon graduation Mr. Chalos received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation and a Third Mate's license in the United States Merchant Marine. Mr. Chalos attended Fordham University, School of Law from which he graduated in 1975 with a Juris Doctor degree.

In addition to his traditional maritime practice, Mr. Chalos has represented a number of clients involved in high profile civil and criminal environmental litigation, including the successful defense of the Masters of the EXXON VALDEZ and SELENDANG AYU, as well as, numerous United States and foreign based corporations, shipowners, managers/operators and crewmembers who were the subjects of criminal investigations by the United States Government. As such, Mr. Chalos has developed a particular expertise in defending and resolving oil pollution, Marpol and the Act for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (APPS) violations and other environmental claims. In this regard,

he frequently interacts with governmental entities involved in the enforcement of environmental regulations, such as the Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Coast Guard, Federal and State Trustees, and the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and various state departments of environment.

Mr. Chalos has authored a number of articles on the criminalization of maritime accidents in the United States and other maritime nations, as well as, articles relating to investigations and prosecutions by United States authorities of the by-passing of oily water separators and waste oil management systems. Mr. Chalos has also authored several Environmental Management Systems/Compliance Programs, which are currently in use as part of settlement agreements reached with governmental authorities of pending investigations. He is a frequent lecturer on these topics to industry groups, governmental bodies, law students, and environmental groups. Mr. Chalos is the current Chairman of the US Maritime Law Association's ad hoc Committee on Environmental Crimes.

Mr. Chalos is admitted to the practice of law in the State of New York, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth and Ninth Circuits and, the Supreme Court of the United States.

## **Biography**

### **Virginia M. Hernandez Covington United States District Judge Middle District of Florida**

Virginia M. Hernandez Covington graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tampa in 1976 from where she also received the degree of Master of Business Administration in 1977. Judge Covington then attended Georgetown University Law Center, where she served as an editor of THE TAX LAWYER law review and received her Juris Doctor degree in 1980.

Judge Covington began her career as a trial attorney for the Federal Trade Commission and thereafter became an Assistant State Attorney for Hillsborough County, Florida. In 1983, Judge Covington joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, where in addition to her criminal and civil workload, she served as Chief of the Asset Forfeiture Section. On September 25, 2001, Judge Covington was appointed to Florida's Second District Court of Appeal by Governor Jeb Bush. She served on that court until receiving her commission as a United States District Judge on September 10, 2004.

Judge Covington is most proud of her three children-Michael, a recent graduate of Stetson University College of Law, Laura, a senior at Florida State University, and Stephen, a junior at the University of Florida.

## **Bryant E. Gardner**

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Bryant Gardner is an associate in Winston & Strawn's Washington, D.C. office who concentrates his practice in admiralty and maritime government relations, transactions, and litigation. Mr. Gardner's experience includes federal government contracts counseling and litigation, environmental crimes defense, fleet refinancing, LNG terminal development, newbuild financing and delivery, cargo litigation, Federal Maritime Commission litigation, maritime products liability litigation, and extensive representation of maritime clients before Congress, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Maritime Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Customs Service, and other agencies.

Mr. Gardner received a B.A. in political economy, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from Tulane University in 1996. He received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Tulane Law School in 2000, where he was editor in chief for the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Washington; the Maritime Law Association of the United States; the Connecticut Maritime Association; and the Maritime Administrative Bar Association. Mr. Gardner is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Massachusetts.

# **Biography**

## **P. Michael Leahy**

Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones

Michael Leahy is a partner in the law firm of Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones and primarily practices in the field of civil litigation with particular emphasis on maritime matters and insurance defense.

Mr. Leahy served as a deck officer in the U. S. Merchant Marine for six years aboard various vessels, including container, break-bulk and tank vessels. He also served six years in the United States Navy Reserve. Following completion of law school, he worked for five years with a Scandinavian P&I Club managing marine casualties including collisions and pollution matters.

Mr. Leahy received a B.S. Degree in Nautical Science from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York in 1998 and his J.D. degree from the University of Akron School of Law in 1997.



## **DAVID T. MALOOF**

### *Education:*

Dave was raised on Long Island and attended Chaminade High School, its leading catholic high school, where he graduated near the top of his class and captained two sports teams. As middle linebacker on the football team under the legendary coach George Toop, Dave's claim to fame was blocking kicks, principally with his helmet, as he was too slow to get his arms up; Dave won two games for the team blocking punts and extra points. Dave's passion lead him to be selected to lead the team in prayer before games. Unbeknownst to the team, Dave mainly prayed that he would start to get his arms up.

Later, at Columbia College, Dave was elected Student Council Chairman, the highest position in student government. He was also the "voice" of Columbia football and basketball on the campus television station, and founded a non-profit bookstore. At graduation Dave received both the Alumni Prize (voted by the Class of 1980 to its most faithful and deserving member) and the Pullman Award (awarded by the Student Government to the Class' most outstanding member). He also received the Milch Prize (awarded by the faculty to the outstanding member of the Junior Class), the Willen Prize (for the best history or political science essay) and the State Farm Exceptional Student Fellowship (awarded to 15 students in national competition). Dave also was selected to Columbia's most prestigious private society, where he led a successful effort to finally include women.

Dave graduated *magna cum laude* and *phi beta kappa* from Columbia in 1980. He earned a B.A. degree with a History major and an English minor. He received his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Virginia School of Law. Dave was also a finalist in the New York State competition for the Rhodes Scholarship and an intern in the Office of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, then the Honorable Warren Burger.

### *Journalism:*

After school, Dave worked as an investigative television reporter, seen on WNET-13, and specialized in uncovering corruption and waste in government. Over a two-year period, he prepared over twenty separate investigative reports concerning the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles which lead to the convening of a special session of the state legislature, an investigation by the state legislature, an investigation by the State Commission of Investigation, a criminal investigation and finally the revamping of the entire system of distributing licenses in New Jersey. As a result of his reports, a century old practice of using political patronage to award government contracts in New Jersey was ended.

His investigative work was the subject of many laudatory articles including a feature in The New Jersey Reporter. He received prestigious television journalism awards from the Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists, and

the New Jersey Bar Association. He also worked for NBC (WVIR - Virginia) and for WSMW (Worcester), and in print journalism.

*Law:*

Today, Dave is senior partner in Maloof Browne & Eagan LLC, a small international law firm in New York.

He is known worldwide as among the most effective advocates for the rights of shippers and their insurers for justice in international commercial disputes. He and his two partners have been involved in some of the most high profile commercial transportation casualties of the last 20 years (M.V. Elma Tres; M.V. APL China; M.V. Hual Europe) and their work has led to recoveries in excess of \$100 million. Admiralty, rail and trucking law has been widely made more equitable through their efforts and creation of leading precedents, including the landmark decision in *Sompo Insurance Co. of America v. Union Pacific Railroad Co.*, 456 F.3d 54 (2d Cir 2006). Dave's winning percentage at trial is over 80%. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating in the United States legal field for both skill and integrity. Selected in 2006 as one of New York's "Super-Lawyers," his work was profiled in the magazine The American Shipper, August 1998. He has been quoted on legal issues of The New York Times (2004) and The Journal of Commerce (2006). He has also published a variety of scholarly articles including in The Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce (2003), The Maritime Advocate (2004), and The New York Law Journal (2005). He has lectured on transportation law issues worldwide: including in Beijing, Singapore, Manila, Tokyo, London and been honored to address national conventions in Shanghai (Chinese Maritime Law Association), Australia (Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand) and in the United States, including the national conventions of the Technology Asset Protection Association, the National Cargo Security Council, and the Transportation Consumer Protection Council.

Dave has been qualified and testified as an expert on U.S. marine insurance law in Tokyo District Court. He is a member, Proctor Status, Maritime Law Association of the United States. For ten years his firm has run an annual conference in New York on trends in transportation law, bringing in speakers from around the world.

Dave resides in Darien, Connecticut where he is married to an attorney, Jean Sweeney, and has two children Julia (age 13) and Daniel (age 11). He serves on the Board of St. John Catholic Church, where he organizes the Men's Ministry. He is active in Darien's local government, and has long coached YMCA basketball.

He also sits in the first row on the goal line at New York Jets football games, and recently appeared in the centerfold of their yearbook. And so, after all these years, he still finds himself having to pray before football games.

## **Biography**

### **Joseph Poux**

United States Department of Justice  
Environmental Crimes Section

Joe Poux has been with the Environmental Crimes Section at the Department of Justice since 2001. Much of his practice has been in the area of vessel pollution.

As an Instructor, Mr. Poux has participated in training efforts involving the United States Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Attorneys' Offices across the country.

Mr. Poux has participated and spoken at vessel pollution conferences in Canada and Taiwan as well.

# Biography

## TOM S. RUE

**Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris, L.L.C.**

Mr. Rue is a member of Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris, L.L.C. where he has practiced his entire legal career. He received a B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science from The University of the South in 1968 and a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1974. He served on the Editorial Board of the Alabama Law Review in 1972-1974. He is the Immediate Past President of The Maritime Law Association of the United States. He is a Titulary member of the Comité Maritime International, a member of the Advisory Board of the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute and the Planning Committee, and was the John W. Sims Distinguished Admiralty Practitioner in Residence at the Tulane University School of Law in 2002. He is a member of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute (Board of Governors 1983-1985) and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (Chair, Maritime Law Section 1997-1998). He chaired the Subcommittee on Collision of the Committee of Admiralty and Maritime Litigation in the ABA Section of Litigation (1983) and chaired the Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Torts and Insurance Practice Section (1991-1992). He has been named to The Best Lawyers in America for maritime law and commercial litigation.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Greg E. Summy**

Greg E. Summy is General Solicitor with Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk, VA. Previously he served as Associate General Counsel with North American Van Lines and Corporate Counsel with Lee Way Motor Freight. Mr. Summy received a B. A. in History from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 and a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1977, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. He is admitted to the Bars of Oklahoma (1977), Indiana (1985- inactive) and Virginia (1994), and is Immediate Past President of the Transportation Lawyers Association. Since coming to Norfolk Southern in 1994, Mr. Summy has provided advice and counsel to the Intermodal Department of NS, and provides assistance on a daily basis in the area of transportation contracts. In addition, he has been active in numerous industry task forces dealing with the issue of roadability of intermodal equipment, and presently serves as an Alternate member of the Executive Committee of the Uniform Intermodal Interchange Agreement, which is administered by the Intermodal Association of North America.

# Hanson Bridgett

## William D. Taylor, Partner

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William D. Taylor maintains both a transactional and litigation business practice, representing all types of business ventures, primarily privately owned. Among other industry interests, Bill has a significant and diverse clientele, serving all aspects of the transportation industry throughout the United States, as well as global markets. As such, Bill is well-versed in all areas of domestic and international logistics law and policy, including extensive contractual arrangements between the various participants central to the movement of products in intrastate, interstate and foreign commerce. Whether in transportation or any other enterprise, Bill has represented corporate clients in asset and equity-based mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, successorship planning and implementation, and discreet and complex contract strategies and negotiations, as well as day-to-day counseling and assisting business clients in their interactions with internal and external legal requirements. Bill is regularly called upon to address industry associations regarding contract issues and solutions, as well as related litigation strategies.



Bill is a past president of the Transportation Lawyers Association and the founder and senior partner of the firm's Transportation and Logistics Group. He is active in the management of Hanson Bridgett's Sacramento office.

### Summary of Practice Experience

- Business formation strategies and implementation of founder's business plans and goals
- Shareholder disputes and resolution of associated business conflicts
- Managing stock and/or asset transfers from origin to closing
- Providing advice and counsel to both emerging and mature companies regarding the legal consequences and implications of internal and external management initiatives
- Negotiation and preparation of complex transportation contracts, including comprehensive logistics management and distribution agreements, bills of lading, direct and third-party transportation arrangements, leases and owner-operator related documents;
- Domestic and cross-border transportation, logistics and related supply-chain management planning and structures, including NAFTA compliance and implementation;
- Employment law and independent contractor/employment disputes, overtime, and other transportation employee status issues;
- Loss and damage claims representation; insurance coverage analysis; claims processing/negotiation and litigation;
- International trade, including customs, export licensing, letters of credit, and other foreign trade documentation and processing;
- Antitrust law: counseling and advocacy, as well as unfair trade and business practices in a deregulated environment
- Freight invoice collection issues;
- Federal and state regulatory compliance and audits of services related to transportation activities, including U.S. Department of Transportation and the Surface Transportation Board, as well as various state tax and licensing jurisdictions; and,
- Criminal and civil defense of federal and state enforcement actions against companies and their employees for safety and hazardous materials violations.

## Other Academic Distinctions

Associate Professor, Golden Gate University, Graduate School of Management and Logistics (1988-1998);  
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Business and Management, San Jose State University (1998-present);  
Certified AAA Mediator and Arbitrator

## Speaking Engagements

Lorman, "Transportation and Logistics Law" Oan. 2004; Jan. 2006)  
CEB, "Buying and Selling Small Business" (2003; 2005)  
Numerous Industry Presentations

## Professional Affiliations

Sacramento County Bar Association; Bar Association of San Francisco; Transportation Lawyers Association (Executive Committee, 1988-present; President 1995-1996); American Trucking Association (Transportation Loss Prevention and Security Council, Legal/Legislative Committee); Conference of Public Utilities Counsel Conference of Freight Counsel; Association for Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy; American Bar Association (Transportation and Insurance Practice); Trucking Industry Defense Association;

## Honors

Martindale Hubbell AV Rating  
Northern California SuperLawyers, *San Francisco Magazine* (2006 & 2004)  
TLA Distinguished Service Award (1995)  
TLA Lifetime Achievement Award (2006)

# Eric L. Zalud

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ERIC L. ZALUD is a partner with and Chair of the firm's Trial Practice Group and heads the Transportation and Logistics Practice Group. He is also the First Vice President of the Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA). Mr. Zalud is a member of the Ohio Foreign Commerce Association; the Association of Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy; The Traffic Club of Cleveland; The Trucking Law Subcommittee of the American Bar Association; The Transportation Consumer Protection Council; the Conference of Freight Counsel; the Transportation Loss Prevention & Security Council; The Transportation Intermediaries Association; The National Tank Truck Carriers; The Association of Transportation Law Professionals; and a regular attendee at the Air Transport Association freight claims seminar. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, Trucking Law Subcommittee; the Air Forwarders Association; and the Customs Brokers Roundtable.

He has litigated or arbitrated matters in 23 states, before state and federal trial and appellate courts in various jurisdictions, and before the Surface Transportation Board and the United States Olympic Committee. Mr. Zalud serves on the TLA's committees on freight claims, motor carrier transportation, litigation, logistics and e-commerce. He received the TLA's Distinguished Service Award for 2001.

Mr. Zalud has experience in Warsaw Convention litigation matters, Carmack Amendment litigation, COGSA litigation, PUCO dealings, NHTSA matters, and DOT and Surface Transportation Board matters. He also has general experience in air and surface freight disputes, freight intermediary issues and litigation, private fleet formation, truck sale and purchase issues, freight undercharge and over length disputes, admiralty litigation, freight loss and damage litigation, motor carrier casualty and personal injury work, regulatory and registration issues, driver leasing issues, and general regulatory compliance matters.

Mr. Zalud is a frequent speaker at industry seminars and has authored numerous articles on freight intermediary liability, carrier liability, broker defaults, shipper liability, freight loss and damage, improper loading and contractual liability. He also has experience in preparing and litigating transportation contracts.

In the course of his transportation-related legal work over the years, Mr. Zalud has cultivated a diverse coterie of transportation industry experts across the country. These experts provide him with regular formal and informal

consultation. This ongoing consult gives him valuable industry perspectives on the matters in which he is involved. It also serves as a helpful complement



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to his legal experience in these matters.

Mr. Zalud received his A.B. *cum laude* from Miami University and earned his J.D. in 1985 from Vanderbilt University, where he was associate editor of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law.

He also attended courses on Public International Law at the International Court of Justice in Den Haag, The Netherlands. Mr. Zalud speaks Spanish and Portuguese. He is also licensed to practice in Indiana.