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## **Barbara L. Ristow**

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### **Professional Background**

Barbara is an associate in the Chicago office of O'Hagan, Smith & Amundsen. Her practice is concentrated in litigation and transaction issues involving maritime law, international trade and multi-modal transportation, including ocean, air and rail. Barbara handles issues relating to cargo loss and damage, personal injury and marine insurance. Ms. Ristow has represented clients such as vessel owners, insurers, shippers, protection and indemnity clubs, consignees and freight forwarders. Barbara is licensed to practice in the state of Illinois and in Michigan. Furthermore, she is fluent in French and proficient in Greek.

### **Education**

Barbara received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from DePauw University in 1990 and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law in 1995. While in law school, Barbara attended the London Law Programme and clerked in the Chambers of Geoffrey Brice, Q.C., focusing on maritime law. She also studied in Athens, Greece with Temple University School of Law and The University of Athens. Upon graduation, Barbara was honored as the French Scholar and for three years served as a law professor and Director of The American Law Program at The Université d'Auvergne in Clermont-Ferrand, France. In 1999 she obtained her LL.M. in Admiralty Law from Tulane School of Law.

### **Practice Areas**

- Commercial Transportation
- Commercial
- Product Liability
- Property Litigation

### **Publications & Speeches**

- Survey editor and staff member, [The Tulane Maritime Law Journal](#), 1998-1999.

### **Professional Appointments**

- Member: American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Admiralty Council, Chicago Bar Association, The Maritime Law Association of the United States, Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Chicago.