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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

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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. 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.

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