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Jeff focuses his practice on U.S. and international corporate, commercial, financing and joint venture activity, transportation regulation, and antitrust/competition regulation. Prior to joining Cozen O'Connor, Jeff was a founding and senior partner at Sher & Blackwell LLP in Washington, D.C.

Jeff represents U.S. and foreign companies and trade associations engaged in the maritime, intermodal transportation, and offshore drilling and wind energy industries. He regularly represents clients before federal agencies in Washington, D.C., as well as before foreign governments and international organizations. His transactional and corporate work includes establishing national and international transportation joint ventures, industry cooperatives, vessel alliances, the financing of vessels, and offshore drilling rig and transportation equipment. As a regular part of his practice, he represents clients in investigations by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, Department of Justice, Department of the Treasury, and the Federal Maritime Commission.

Considered a leader in the industry, Jeff has spoken on antitrust, transportation regulation, and transport liability issues before professional and industry associations in the United States and abroad. He has been recognized in Band 1 by Chambers and Partners USA for Nationwide: Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Regulatory from 2011-2020.

Jeff is a former president of the Maritime Administrative Bar Association. He also acts as executive director and general counsel of the Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association (OCEMA), which deals with inland and equipment issues in the United States and oversees a system of co-op pools with more than 130,000 intermodal vehicles. He has also served as a president, officer, and board member of a number of nonprofit organizations in the Washington, D.C., area.

Jeff received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his J.D. from Rutgers University Law School.

Practice Areas

- Transportation & Trade
- International
- Maritime Regulatory
- Cruise Industry
- Government & Regulatory

Industry Sectors

- Maritime

Education

- Rutgers University School of Law—Newark, J.D., 1977
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1973

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court -- New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

- Maritime Administrative Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals
- Co-chair, International Transportation Committee of the ABA Section on International Law

Awards & Honors

- *Chambers & Partners USA*: Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Regulatory 2011-2020
- Best Lawyers in America 2013-2021
- Who's Who Legal: Transport - Shipping
- Super Lawyers: Transportation & Maritime (Washington, D.C.) 2015-2020
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Attorney - Judicial Edition 2020
- *The Legal 500 United States* "Leading Lawyer" for Transport: Shipping in 2017-2020

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