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Josh Stein practices in the Transportation & Trade Practice Group within the Business Law Department. His practice includes advising clients on international and domestic regulatory compliance, corporate, transactional, and commercial matters. He has represented both U.S. and foreign companies engaged in international and U.S. inland transportation, offshore drilling, dredging, offshore wind projects, environmental remediation, and marine construction.

Josh handles a wide range of transactional and regulatory matters relating to the maritime and inland transportation sectors. He regularly advises on matters before the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Federal Maritime Commission, the U.S. Maritime Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. He counsels shipowners and other entities on issues such as the registration of vessels and other equipment, citizenship, and compliance with the U.S. cabotage laws. He assists clients with the formation and reorganization of business entities, equipment acquisition and finance, corporate governance, antitrust, and environmental and safety compliance. He also has extensive experience drafting and interpreting carrier discussion agreements, vessel sharing agreements, space charter agreements, various types of marine terminal operator agreements, and other forms of cooperative working agreements.

Josh graduated cum laude from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in government and politics and was elected to the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honorary Society. He received his law degree from Rutgers School of Law - Newark.

## Experience

Obtained a \$29 million international arbitration award on behalf of a Dutch dredging and marine construction company. The dispute arose when a foreign alumina manufacturer began to curtail the quantities of bauxite it accepted from the client, in breach of a mining contract between the parties. When attempts to negotiate a resolution were unsuccessful, we filed a demand with the International Chamber of Commerce and overcame multiple defenses raised by our opponent to secure the sizable award.

Secured dismissal of a complaint filed with the Federal Maritime Commission against our client, a leading ocean transportation and logistics company, by a trucking firm with which the client had terminated its business relationship. The complaint alleged violations of several provisions of the Shipping Act of 1984, and we moved to dismiss it for lack of jurisdiction and failure to state a claim on which relief could be granted. In its response, the complainant was forced to abandon a number of its Shipping Act claims as being devoid of merit, and the administrative law judge dismissed the remaining claims on both theories advanced in our motion.

Acted as special U.S. maritime counsel to a bank in connection with a new Senior Secured Term and Revolving Credit Facilities Agreement for \$1 billion, including preparing mortgages on the U.S. flag vessels owned by U.S. vessel trusts where the borrow was the beneficial owner; negotiating tripartite agreements among agent and trustee, U.S. vessel trust owners, and U.S.-bases bareboat charterers; and obtaining other U.S. security.

## Practice Areas

- Transportation & Trade
- Maritime Corporate & Finance
- Maritime Regulatory
- Government & Regulatory

## Industry Sectors

- Maritime

## Education

- Rutgers University School of Law—Newark, J.D., 2006
- Univ. of Maryland—College Park, B.A., *cum laude*, 2003

## Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

## Awards & Honors

- *The Legal 500 United States* "Next Generation Partner" for Transport: Shipping Finance in 2020

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