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David F. Smith represents both foreign and domestic companies involved in transportation, logistics, and related industries in state and federal courts and before numerous administrative agencies.

David has many years of experience negotiating and drafting international commercial contracts. He regularly advises clients on issues relating to bills of lading, cargo receipts, letters of credit, and other commercial documentation. He has participated in federal class action antitrust litigation, as well as federal and state court litigation challenging taxes and fees on transportation entities. He has also advised clients on financing transactions under Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936.

David has been actively involved in professional activities in the transportation and logistics industry. He is a member (and past president) of the Maritime Administrative Bar Association. He is also a member of the Administrative Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar Association. David has spoken extensively on diverse transportation related issues before a number of professional organizations throughout the United States. Topics which he has addressed include the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, legal issues relating to stowaways, over-the-road weight limitations for intermodal containers, and recent legal developments in transportation and logistics.

David earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University in 1975 and his law degree from George Washington University Law School in 1981.

Practice Areas

- Maritime Regulatory
- Maritime Antitrust & Competition
- Transportation & Trade
- Intermodal & Logistics

Industry Sectors

- Maritime

Education

- George Washington University Law School, J.D., 1981
- Duke University, B.A., 1975

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia

Affiliations

- D.C. Bar Section on Administrative Law
- Maritime Administrative Bar Association

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