

Cozen O'Connor Welcomes Former Acting Chief, Division of Maritime Programs, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration

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Washington, D.C., January 18, 2017 — Cozen O'Connor is pleased to announce that Jeff R. Vogel has joined the firm's Transportation & Trade Group, and is resident in the Washington, D. C., office. Vogel joins Cozen O'Connor from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Maritime Administration (MARAD) where he served as acting chief, Division of Maritime Programs. Previously Vogel was lead attorney for MARAD's Maritime Support Programs.

Vogel brings more than eight years of experience in maritime, national security, transportation infrastructure, and trade law to Cozen O'Connor's Transportation & Trade Group. As acting chief, he oversaw a team of lawyers on all aspects of MARAD's national security, maritime support, ship finance and transportation infrastructure and development grant programs. Among his many accomplishments, Vogel led the development of new policies to address operational risks in the Maritime Security Program (MSP), and he spearheaded the drafting and negotiation of the revised MSP operating agreement based on those policies. Additionally, Vogel was the first MARAD lawyer ever selected to attend the U.S. Naval War College, which develops leaders and strengthens global maritime partnerships.

"Jeff has handled complex and significant transportation projects and policy matters while at MARAD," said Jeffrey F. Lawrence, chair of Cozen O'Connor's Transportation & Trade Group. "We are thrilled to have Jeff join our group. He will be a valuable addition to our client offerings at a time of anticipated significant change in our nation's maritime, transportation infrastructure and trade policies."

Vogel is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and serves on the board of governors of the Propeller Club, Port of Washington, D.C. Throughout his career, he has received numerous awards including the MARAD Superior Achievement Award, USDOT Superior Achievement Award, USDOT Partnering for Excellence Award, MARAD Team Bronze Medal Award and The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction's CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Law of the Sea.

Vogel earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law, where he also received the Dean's Certificate of Achievement for Law of the Sea. He also received two master's degrees — one in marine affairs and policy from the University of Miami and the other in national security and strategic studies — from the U.S. Naval War College. He received his B.A. from the University of Maryland-College Park.

Vogel's hiring comes shortly after the firm welcomed Karen D. Williams to its growing Washington, D.C., office as counsel in the firm's Criminal Defense Group & Internal Investigations.

About Cozen O'Connor's Transportation & Trade Group

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