



Maritime

Overview

Our Maritime team represents clients in maritime personal injury claims under the Longshore Act, as well as cargo damage, marine construction, collisions, fires, and groundings. We also counsel our clients in intermodal freight and customs matters, maritime labor, environmental and products liability, and Inland Marine Insurance. We handle maritime cases on a 24-hour on-call basis on Lake Erie and throughout the Great Lakes. Our trial lawyers bring Merchant Marine and significant on-ship experience to their courtroom capabilities and have tried cases in the jurisdictions that ring the Great Lakes, as well as in New York, Delaware, and Florida.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Personal injury claims involving longshoremen, seamen, and passengers
- Cargo damage actions / Carrier defense
- Charter disputes
- Collisions, fires, groundings, and other major casualties
- Marine construction
- Maritime labor
- Maritime liens and attachments and arrests of vessels
- Marine environmental liability
- Maritime products liability
- Appellate practice
- Coverage and bad faith relating to Inland Marine Insurance

Experience

- Defended numerous bodily injury cases under Jones and LHWCA Acts
- Obtained enforcement of English Club's London Arbitration clause by U.S. Court of Appeals
- Represented lessors in ocean container leasing matters, including suits
- Represented a major U.S. charterer in M.T. Mary Ellen limitation proceedings
- Defended product manufacturer in self-unloading boom collapse case
- Represented U.S. carriers in ocean and intermodal freight and customs matters
- Defended ocean and Great Lakes steamship companies in maritime personal injury and death cases
- Experience with multiple container overboard and cargo loss cases