



# Association of Transportation Law Professionals 2023 Transportation Forum XX, Washington D.C. November 13, 2023

## AGENDA

### **Meet the STB Directors 9:30 am- 10:30 am**

The Board's members are supported by seven offices that manage the agency, provide legal advice and represent the agency in court, draft decisions, undertake environmental review, perform economic analysis, oversee passenger rail, and serve as the public's point of contact with the members. This panel will introduce the heads of those offices, and they will provide an overview of how their offices function and any new developments in their respective fields.

*Moderator: Robert Rosenberg*

*Panelists:*

- Janie Sheng, Office of Public Assistance, Government Affairs, and Compliance
- Mai Dinh, Office of Proceedings
- Francis O'Connor, Office of Economics
- Craig Keats, Office of the General Counsel
- Rachel Campbell, Office of Managing Director
- Danielle Gosselin, Office of Environmental Analysis
- Neil Moyer, Office of Passenger Rail

### **Break 10:30 am – 10:40 am**

### **Federal Maritime Commission Proposed Rulemakings 10:40 am – 11:10 am**

This panel will discuss the Federal Maritime Commission's proposed rules on (1) Demurrage and Detention Practices and (2) Unreasonable Refusal to Deal or Negotiate with Respect to Vessel Space Accommodations.

*Moderator: Kristine Little*

*Panelist:*

- Ashley Craig, Venable LLP
- Henry Gonzalez, Gonzalez Del Valle Law

### **Legislative Updates 11:10 am - 11:40 am**

Congress has been actively considering legislation addressing rail safety, the common carrier obligation, and ocean shipping reforms. Additionally, both houses of Congress have other modal priorities this Congress, including pipeline safety and FAA reauthorization.

*Moderator: Fred Miller*

*Panelists:*

- Senate Commerce Committee staff (invited)
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee staff (confirmed)

## **Lunch by individual arrangement 11:40 am - 1:00 pm**

### **Economic Outlook for the Transportation Sector 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm**

This panel will provide perspectives on the economic outlook for the transportation industry, including opportunities and challenges in the transportation sector and the impact of potential legislative and regulatory changes.

*Moderator: Robert Rosenberg*

*Panelists:*

- Brian Ossenbeck, J.P. Morgan
- John Gray, AAR

### **Break 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm**

### **Moving between Private Practice and Government: A discussion with current and former transportation safety officials 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm**

Current and former members of ATLP who transitioned from private practice into prominent positions within transportation safety agencies, and vice versa, discuss their transitions and the associated challenges.

*Moderator: Kristine Little*

*Panelists:*

- Tristan Brown, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
- Allison Ishihara Fultz, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration
- Benjamin Allen, Holland & Knight and former NTSB Assistant General Counsel

### **Break 2:45 pm – 2:55 pm**

### **Environmental Issues for Railroads and Other Modes 2:55 pm - 3:40 pm**

Although rail is commonly considered one of the most fuel-efficient forms of transportation, it nevertheless faces decarbonization and other environmental challenges. This panel will explore environmental challenges facing the rail industry and other modes of transportation, especially as interest in climate change and environmental sustainability has increased.

*Moderator: Fred Miller*

*Panelists:*

- Ted Hunt, Dentons LLP
- Fred Wagner, Venable LLP
- Jay Johnson, Venable LLP

### **Meet the Surface Transportation Board 3:50 pm - 4:35 pm**

Over the past year, the Board approved a major rail merger and took significant actions on rules related to rail rates and services. Despite this, it continues to face a full docket

as it operates in a “hybrid” work environment. During this panel, the Board’s members will talk about the challenges facing the Board and answer questions from the audience.

*Moderator: Justin Marks*

*Panelists:*

- Chairman Martin Oberman
- Vice Chairman Karen Hedlund
- Member Patrick Fuchs

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