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ATLP 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
Halcyon Hotel, Cherry Creek
Denver, Colorado
June 23-25, 2024



## Association of Transportation Law Professionals 95th Annual Meeting – Denver, CO June 23 - 25, 2024 4

#### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Halcyon Hotel In Cherry Creek, Arbor Room (2nd Level) 245 Columbine Street Denver, Colorado 80206

Agenda items and scheduling are subject to change

#### Sunday, June 23, 20244

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM

**Optional activity** 

**Opening Remarks** 

**General Business Section I –** *Arbor* 

12:10 PM - 1:30 PM

**Annual Update on the Impact of Recent &cent** 



Current Litigation and Regulatory Agendas on Competition & Antitrust Issues in the Aviation, Rail, Trucking and Shipping Industries





Bill Stallings, Mayer Brown, Antitrust Partner
Nicci Warr, Stinson, Antitrust Partner
Jeetlander Dulani, Stinson, Antitrust Partner
John Putnum, Senior Advisor at the Colorado
Department of Transportation



Mod.: **Roy Goldberg**, Partner, Stinson (Washington, D.C.)

1:30 PM - 1:55 PM

**Modal Update - Rail & Motor Carrier Litigation** 



**Andrew Steif**, Shareholder, Gunster (West Palm Beach & Jacksonville, FL)

#### 1:55 PM - 2:40 PM

#### **Motor Carrier Update/Motor Broker Negligence Panel**

This is intended to be a part of a larger motor carrier update in the Association Highlights Panel. There is a Circuit Split related to motor broker negligence. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh and Seventh Circuits recently held that the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act (FAAA) preempts personal injury or cargo damage claims against brokers, reaching the opposite conclusion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Complainant in the 7th Circuit case has now filed a Petition for Certiorari with the Supreme Court, which was denied by the Supreme Court on Jan. 8, 2024.

**Topics Covered:** Brief overview of the Circuit Split and relevant cases, FAAA preemption, current legal landscape.

Jameson B. Rice, Partner Holland & Knight (Washington, D.C. and Jacksonville, FL)

Kristine O. Little, Associate, Holland & Knight (Washington, D.C.)



2:40 PM - 2:55 PM 2:55 PM - 3:55 PM **Break** 

#### **AI Developments in Transportation: Policy** and Practices

The use of ChatGPT and other Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies have become prevalent across industries, including transportation. This panel will explore how AI has appeared within various modes of transportation; the legal and policy implications that may arise with the use of Al, such as privacy concerns; and the government's use of AI for regulatory purposes. Panelists will also provide practice tips and lessons learned regarding the use of Al within the transportation sector.



3:55 PM - 4:15 PM

David J. Oberly, Counsel, Baker Donelson (Washington, D.C.)

Mod.: Onika K. Williams, of Counsel, Steptoe (Washington, D.C.)

**Modal Update - Hazmat** 

Michael F. McBride, Partner, Van Ness Feldman LLP (Washington DC)





#### 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

#### **Hot Topics in Short Line Rail**

There are 600 small business short line railroads operating nearly 47,500 miles of track in 48 states. Short lines are the first and last mile of much of the rail traffic in the United States and an important part of the supply chain. Due to the nature of the short line business, counsel for short lines have a unique perspective on legal issues facing railroads. In this panel, short line counsel will discuss recent hot topics facing short lines and their experiences advocating for short line railroads in matters such as preemption, emissions regulation and other "hot" and timely topics.



**Sarah Yurasko,** General Counsel, American Short Line & Regional Railroad Association **William A. Mullins,** Managing Partner, Mullins Law Group, PLLC (Washington, D.C.)



Mod.: **Kristin Bevil**, In-House Counsel, Pinsly Railroad Company

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

**ATLP Welcome Reception** 

6:45 PM

**Dinner in Groups- Nearby Restaurant** 

#### Monday, June 24, 2024

#### **Breakfast**

(Washington, DC)

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

8:45 AM - 9:05 AM

Modal Update - Passenger Rail

Ayelet Hirschkorn, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch

General Business Section II - Arbor

(New York, New York)

Charles A. Spitulnik, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch



10:05 AM

**New Intercity Passenger Service in Colorado:** *The Front Range Passenger Rail District* 

Initially offering service from Fort Collins through Denver and south to Pueblo, the Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) intercity train service has the long-term vision of connecting Colorado to New Mexico and Wyoming. The FRPR District is an independent government agency with the mission to plan, design, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a new passenger rail system along the Front Range. Andy Karsian will provide an overview of the project, including the legal and operational challenges associated with standing up a new state-sponsored intercity passenger service.



**Andy Karsian**, General Manager, Front Range Passenger Rail

**Stephen H. Kaplan**, Partner; Member, Management Committee, Kaplan Kirsch (Denver, CO)

10:05 AM - 10:20 AM

10:20 AM - 11:35 AM

#### **BREAK**

#### **Emerging Issues in Non-Energy Pipelines Panel**

This panel will discuss the emerging regulatory landscape around hydrogen and carbon pipelines. Both hydrogen and carbon pipelines are important components of a green transition away from the reliance on fossil fuels for energy. Hydrogen is an emerging option to replace some fossil fuels through fuel cell technology, acts as an essential component of biofuels, and was the focus of its own section in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. Carbon sequestration, the storage of carbon dioxide (CO2) after it is captured from industrial facilities or removed directly from the atmosphere, is touted as a weapon against climate change. The Biden administration recently announced that it would spend up to \$1.2 billion on carbon capture and storage projects, signaling a commitment to this technology as a means to achieve net zero emissions. Despite the environmental goals of these technologies, environmental and safety concerns have raised issues regarding the construction and operation of these pipelines, highlighting existing regulatory gaps. While the regulation of the safety of these pipelines fall within the ambit of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation, it is also possible that the pipelines can and should be regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory under the Natural Gas Act or the Interstate Commerce Actor or by the Surface Transportation Board under provisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act. This panel will explore the legal issues associated with these pipelines and the benefits and costs of potential regulation.





Robert Pillow, Senior Counsel, Tallgrass Energy Michael Diamond, Partner, Van Ness Feldman (Washington DC)



Mod.: Timothy J. Strafford, Partner, Steptoe (Washington DC)

11:35 AM - 12:00 PM

**Modal Update - Aviation** 



Evan Kwarta, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP (New York, NY)

12:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Keynote Speaker Luncheon – *Marble/Linear* 



Phillip A. Washington, former CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and current CEO of Denver International Airport.

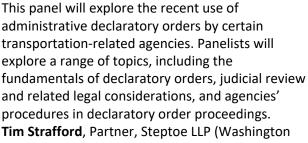
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**Exploring Administrative Declaratory Orders** 







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Ted Hunt, Partner, Dentons (Washington DC) Matt Matt Warren, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP (Washington DC)

Mod.: Onika K..Williams, of Counsel, Steptoe (Washington DC)

2:45 PM 3:00 PM **BREAK: Sponsored By** 



3:00 PM - 3:20 PM





Robert Fried, Partner Practus (San Francisco, CA)

3:20 PM - 3:45 PM

**Modal Update - Freight Railil** 



Sally Mordi, Associate, Steptoe (Washington, D.C.)

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

**Special Guest Speaker** 



Allison Ishihara Fultz, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Perspectives from the Surface Transportation Board







The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is an independent federal agency that is charged with the economic regulation of various modes of surface transportation, primarily freight rail. The Board has had a busy docket over the last year considering issues related to rail rates, service and adjudicating disputes between railroads and users of the national freight network. Joining ATLP to discuss their work regulating the rail industry are Board members Patrick Fuchs, Karen Hedlund, and Michelle Schultz.



*Mod.:* Justin Marks, Senior Attorney, Clark Hill (Washington DC)

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

ATLP Rocky Mountain Reception SPONSORED BY:



7:00 PM

Dine-A-Rounds- Nearby Restaurants

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

#### **Chevron and the Future of Agency Deferencee**



A discussion of the Relentless and Loper cases at the U.S. Supreme Court and how a decision overruling or limiting Chevron might impact agency action.

Tobias Loss-Eaton, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP (Washington DC)

Roger Nober, Director of the George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center Professor of Practice at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy

Mod.: Allison C. Davis, Counsel, Sidley Austin LLP (Washington DC)



9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

#### **Modal Update - Maritime Update**



Katie Matison, Shareholder, Lane Powell (Seattle, WA)

#### **Navigating Troubled Waters: Developments** in Maritime Law & Vessel Arrestsests









This panel will be riveting for maritime and nonmaritime attorneys alike! Recent developments in maritime law, vessel arrests and economic impacts, the Titanic, the Key Bridge collapse, and other big events.

Thomas Schoenbaum, Professor of Law at University of Washington (Virtual) **Bob Toney**, Chairman and Founder, National Maritime Service

Mod.: Katie Matison, Shareholder, Lane Powell (Seattle, WA)

Mod.: **Sean Jackson**, Shareholder, Lane Powell (Seattle, WA)

#### 10:00 AM -11:00 AM

#### **Autonomous Vehicles**

The rapidly evolving landscape of autonomous vehicles presents a myriad of legal and regulatory challenges. This panel discussion aims to explore the intersection of innovation and law, examining how current laws accommodate these autonomous vehicles The panel will focus on both surface and ocean.





**Tyler Svitak**, Executive Director, Colorado Smart Cities Alliance **Allison N. Skopec**, Associate, Holland & Knight LLP (New York, NY)



Mod.: **Kristine O. Little**, Associate, Holland & Knight (Washington DC)

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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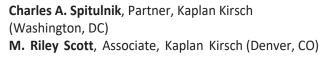
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### Ethics Ethics in the Era of Instant & Simulated Communication





The team will address the conundrum of identifying who the client is (in the context of organizational clients), related disclosure issues, and client misconduct. The presenters will tie in a digital age issue such as Chat GPT.





Mod.: **Andrew J. Steif**, Shareholder, Gunster (West Palm Beach & Jacksonville, FL)





#### **ATLP 95th Annual Meeting Program Committee**

Thank you to all the committee member who volunteered their time and expertise to hone the 2024 Annual Meeting Program.



**Justin Marks,** ATLP President 2023-2024 Clark Hill



**Ayelet Hirschkorn**, Program Co-Chair Partner, Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell



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