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ATLP 97th Annual Meeting
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront
June 21-23, 2026



Association of Transportation Law Professionals 97th Annual Meeting – Baltimore, MD June 21 - 23, 2026

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront- Waterview Room
700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Agenda items and scheduling are subject to change

Sunday, June 21, 2026

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Optional Activity

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM

Opening Remarks

General Business Section I –*Waterview Room*

12:10 PM - 1:30 PM

The Jones Act in a Multimodal World: Maritime, Rail, and Supply Chain Impacts

This panel will examine the ongoing relevance and practical impact of the Jones Act in an increasingly multimodal transportation environment. Through a hypothetical case study involving a U.S. rail carrier—Coastal Gateway Rail—and its interaction with domestic maritime shipping, panelists will explore how Jones Act requirements affect routing decisions, port operations, intermodal transfers, and supply chain efficiency. The discussion will address compliance challenges, cost and capacity considerations, and the strategic tradeoffs faced by shippers, carriers, and infrastructure operators when maritime and rail networks intersect. Panelists will also consider policy debates surrounding the Jones Act and its implications for resiliency, national security, and domestic transportation markets.

Allison N. Skopec, Associate, Holland & Knight (New York)



1:00 PM - 1:30PM

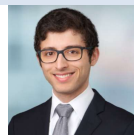
Modal Update - Maritime



Katie Matison, Shareholder, Ballard Spahr, LLP
(Seattle, WA)

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Modal Update - Passenger/Transit Rail



Grant Glovin, Associate, Kaplan Kirsch LLP (New York)

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM

BREAK

2:15PM - 3:15PM

What Your In-House Counsel Wishes They Could Tell You

In-house counsel sit at the intersection of legal risk, business strategy, and organizational reality—but their most candid insights are often shared only behind closed doors. This panel brings together experienced in-house lawyers to offer a frank discussion about what they wish outside counsel, executives, regulators, and business partners better understood about their roles and challenges. Topics will include managing legal risk under business pressure, navigating resource constraints, communicating effectively with stakeholders, and what truly adds value in outside legal support. Attendees will gain practical perspectives on how in-house counsel think, prioritize, and make decisions in today’s fast-moving corporate environment.

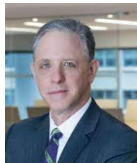


Tyler White - AVP & Associate General Counsel, BNSF
Matthew Navarrete - Assist. Deputy Gen. Counsel, Markets & Regulation, Norfolk Southern
Robine Morrison - Counsel International, United Airlines
Mod: TBD

3:15PM - 4:15 PM

Supreme Court Review of DOT Authority Under the FAAAA

This panel will examine a Supreme Court hearing addressing the scope of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s regulatory authority and its interaction with the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act (FAAAA). Panelists will discuss the legal questions presented to the Court, including the reach of federal preemption, the boundaries of agency authority, and the balance between federal oversight and state regulation in the transportation sector. The discussion will explore potential implications of the Court’s decision for regulated entities, enforcement actions, and future challenges involving DOT rules and economic regulation across transportation modes.



Roy Goldberg, Member, Clark Hill (Washington DC)
Kimberly Graber, of Counsel, Steptoe
Charles Enloe, USDOT Office of the General Counsel

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Modal Update - Rail



Tara Wood, of Counsel, Steptoe

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

ATLP Special Cocktail Event

6:45 PM

Dinner in Groups - Nearby Eateries

Monday, June 22, 2026

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast - Waterview Room

8:00 AM - 8:10 AM

General Business Section II – Waterview

8:10 AM - 9:00 AM

Maritime Special Presentation

The M/V DALI Knocked Down a Bridge; Will Traditional Industry Protections Remain Standing?



Mod: Katie Matison, Shareholder, Ballard Spahr, LLP (Seattle, WA)



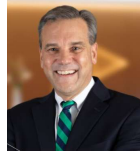
David Williams, of Counsel Gorman & Williams (Baltimore & D.C.)

Alexander M. Giles, Partner, Tydings (Maryland & Delaware)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Union Pacific - Norfolk Southern Merger- Intermodal Perspective

The proposed merger to create the nation's first transcontinental railroad carries implications for the U.S. transportation network in general. This panel will explore the potential impacts of the UP-NS merger on other modes and examine the legal framework for the STB's evaluation of the proposal, including one of the core factors: will the merger increase competition?



Mod: John Putnum, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch
Justin Marks, Member, Clark Hill PLC
Imran Shaukat, Partner, Wills Black LLP
Eric Zalud, Co-Chair, Transport & Logistics Practice Group Benesch

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Autonomous Vehicles: Navigating the Federal Regulatory Landscape

This panel will examine the evolving federal regulatory framework governing autonomous and highly automated vehicles across transportation modes. Panelists will discuss the respective roles and authorities of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and how these agencies are approaching safety oversight, certification, and innovation. The conversation will highlight areas of regulatory convergence and divergence, emerging policy challenges, and what industry stakeholders should anticipate as autonomous technologies continue to advance across surface and air transportation.

Autonomous Vehicles: Navigating the Federal Regulatory Landscape, Continued



Melody Drummond Hansen, former Chief Counsel, FMCSA, USDOT

Kevin Sheys, Managing Member, Law Office of Kevin M. Sheys

11:00AM - 11:15 AM

BREAK

11:15AM - 11:45 AM

Modal Update - Maritime



Ashleigh Higgs, Associate, Holland & Knight (Washington DC)

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

**ATLP Participant Lunch Featuring Keynote Speaker
Katie Thomson: Secretary MDOT**

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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

North American Trade in Practice: U.S., Mexico, and Canada

This panel will explore the legal, regulatory, and commercial dynamics shaping trade and investment across North America. Panelists will discuss key issues affecting cross-border commerce among the United States, Mexico, and Canada, including implementation and enforcement under the USMCA, supply chain integration, customs and tariff considerations, labor and environmental requirements, and emerging trade frictions. The discussion will also briefly contrast this treaty-based framework with trade involving sanctioned jurisdictions such as Venezuela, highlighting how geopolitical and sanctions regimes create a markedly different risk and compliance environment. The panel will provide practical insights for companies and counsel navigating compliance, risk, and opportunity in an increasingly interconnected regional market.

North American Trade in Practice: U.S., Mexico, and Canada Cont.



TBD

Miller Thomson (Toronto, ON)



Sophie Jin, Senior Counsel
Holland & Knight (Washington D.C.)

Arturo Rivera, Partner, Sesma, Sesma, McNeese
(Mexico City)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Inside the Agencies: Perspectives from Federal Transportation Chief Counsel

This panel brings together senior legal leadership from across the federal transportation agencies to provide insight into how major regulatory, enforcement, and policy decisions are developed and implemented. Featuring Chief Counsel and senior attorneys from the Surface Transportation Board, the Federal Maritime Commission, and the Department of Transportation, panelists will discuss cross-modal regulatory priorities, inter-agency coordination, and emerging legal challenges affecting rail, maritime, and surface transportation. The discussion will offer a rare, behind-the-scenes look at how agency counsel approach rulemaking, litigation risk, enforcement discretion, and stakeholder engagement across the transportation sector.



TBD

Subash Iyer, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch
Mohsin Syed, former appointee, USDOT

Mod: **Allison Ishihara Fultz**, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15PM - 3:45 PM

Modal Update - Trucking



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



Jameson Rice, Partner, Holland & Knight
(Washington DC)

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

Perspective 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. Hear from the Board Members about current matters.

Joining ATLP to discuss their work regulating the rail industry



Patrick Fuchs, Chairman

Karen Hedlund, Board Member

Michelle Schultz, Board Member

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

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

ATLP Presidential Reception

7:15 PM

Dine-A-Rounds - Nearby Restaurants



Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7:45 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Modal Update - Labor



Sean Jackson, Shareholder, Ballard Spahr, LLP (Seattle, WA)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Modal Update- Aviation



Roy Goldberg, Member, Clark Hill (Washington DC)

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Modal Update - Pipeline/Hazmat



Michael Diamond, Partner, Van Ness Feldman, LLP (Washington DC)

Jason Tutrone, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP (Washington DC)

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

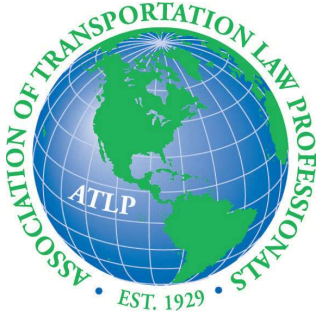
AI Ethics: Governance, Accountability, and Responsible Innovation

As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly embedded in business operations, public services, and critical infrastructure, ethical considerations are moving to the forefront of policy and practice. This panel will explore key ethical challenges posed by AI systems, including transparency, bias, accountability, data governance, and human oversight. Panelists will discuss emerging frameworks for responsible AI development and deployment, the role of regulators and organizations in setting ethical guardrails, and how companies can align innovation with public trust and societal values. The discussion will offer practical insights for navigating ethical risk while fostering innovation in an AI-driven economy.



Samuel E. "Gene" Fishel, Counsel, Troutman Pepper Locke

Thank you for attending and participating in the ATLP 97th Annual Meeting! If you wish to receive CLE credit and do not self report, please turn in your CLE Forms and Surveys.



ATLP 97th Annual Meeting Program Committee

Thank you to all the committee members who volunteered their time and expertise to hone the 2026 Annual Meeting Program.



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