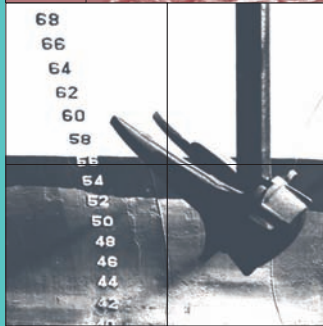


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Admiralty & Maritime Services





About The Group

Thompson Hine's Admiralty & Maritime group represents carriers and shippers before state and federal courts and agencies and drafts and negotiates maritime contracts.

Our Admiralty & Maritime group earned national recognition in the inaugural edition of "Best Law Firms," a report released by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers. The group was among the firms ranked at the National Tier 1 level.

Our maritime practitioners have participated in workshops and meetings to address international maritime policy arranged by the Maritime Transport Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Committee Maritime International.

Representative Services

In addition to handling toxic tort litigation for more than 200 shipowners across the United States, this group is experienced in a wide variety of admiralty matters including:

- Jones Act and other personal injury defense
- Charter parties
- Contracts of affreightment
- Float agreements
- Vessel documentation
- Hull and cargo damage
- Collisions
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- Marine insurance
- Environmental
- Coast Guard matters

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Representative Matters



- Negotiated vessel sales, purchases and charters and secured financing, including first preferred ship mortgages, and handled vessel documentation matters.
- Advised clients on matters relative to other maritime statutes and laws, including cargo liability governed by the U.S. Carriage of Goods by Sea Act (COGSA) and the coastwise trades regulated under the Jones Act.
- Represented shipowner before *en banc* Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, resulting in holding that seamen cannot recover for heart attack due to work-related stress.
- Represented shipowners before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, resulting in holding that, as a matter of law, seamen cannot recover punitive damages from a shipowner-employer under the Jones Act or for unseaworthiness.
- Played an instrumental role in achieving partial deregulation of the U.S. international ocean liner industry through adoption of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 (OSRA).
- Participated in every rulemaking proceeding initiated by the Federal Maritime Commission to implement OSRA. Consequently, our maritime practitioners are known throughout the nation for their work with respect to U.S. regulation of the ocean liner industry.
- Litigated precedent-setting opinion before the Washington Court of Appeals, affecting more than a thousand maritime asbestos cases, establishing that a survival claim for a seaman's asbestos-related injuries may be time-barred even though it is combined with a timely filed wrongful death claim.
- Represented shipowner before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, resulting in holding that dock owner was obligated to indemnify shipowner for death of seaman who fell from dock, notwithstanding shipowner negligence that contributed to the fall.
- Represented shipowner before the Ohio Court of Appeals, resulting in vacating \$1.8 million personal injury verdict as excessive due to passion and prejudice of jury.
- Represented shipowner in negotiations with the Department of Justice resulting in satisfactory resolution of \$3.5 million claim for oil pollution cleanup expenses from sunken vessel.
- Represented shipowner in defense of seaman's claim of career-ending back injury, resulting in jury verdict for shipowner.



OUR CLIENT SERVICE PLEDGE

What Our Clients Can Expect From Us . . .

1. We will know your business.

We make it our business to understand your business. We will invest our time and resources to develop and maintain knowledge of the dynamics that impact both your industry and your organization. Understanding your business will help us provide better counsel to you.

2. We will plan our engagements with you.

We know that clients differ in their goals, risk tolerance and a variety of other factors that must be taken into consideration before work can begin on any matter. At the beginning of every significant matter, we will work with you to develop a plan to meet your strategic goals. By agreeing on a plan at the beginning—and adjusting it as needed—we will stay focused on what is most important to you.

3. We will manage your work as if we were the client.

We will work with you to manage your costs. We will staff every matter with the right resources, and we will manage the work as if we were the client—delivering the highest quality of service on time and in the most cost-effective manner.

4. We will be available when you need us.

We recognize that you often need to make swift decisions and act quickly. We will be ready to act for you when you need us, and we will make ourselves available wherever and whenever necessary.

5. We will communicate often.

Our goal is that you will never be surprised about developments in anything we are handling. We will provide regular updates on the progress of your matters, including all significant developments and changes to scope, timeline or budget.

6. We will provide the highest-quality counsel.

Above all else, we stand for the highest quality. Our lawyers, paralegals and staff take pride in the work they do. From the boardroom to the courtroom, you can count on Thompson Hine for the highest-quality service.

What Our Clients Can Do To Help . . .

1. We ask you to share your goals.

The more we know about your goals, the better we can manage our services to help you attain them. If your goals change as a matter progresses, we ask that you tell us, so we can adjust our approach to meet your expectations.

2. We want to know your preferences for working with us.

We ask you to tell us your preferred methods of communication, invoice and billing procedures, and anything else that is important to you, so that we can deliver our service the way you want it.

3. We need your feedback.

We want your feedback on our performance so that we can continue to meet and exceed your expectations.

About Thompson Hine

Established in 1911, Thompson Hine is a business law firm dedicated to providing superior client service. The firm has been recognized as one of the Best Corporate Law Firms in America in an annual survey of corporate directors conducted by *Corporate Board Member* magazine. With approximately 400 lawyers in offices in **ATLANTA, CINCINNATI, COLUMBUS, CLEVELAND, DAYTON, NEW YORK** and **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, Thompson Hine serves premier businesses worldwide, including:

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