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OVERVIEW

Darrell Conner is a government affairs counselor in the firm's public policy and law practice group, one of the largest policy groups in the United States. As a government affairs counselor for K&L Gates, he has more than 26 years of experience working with Congress and the executive branch. Since 2017, he has been recognized by The Hill as one of the nation's Top Lobbyists.

Darrell's practice focuses on federal government relations, where he represents clients on a range of matters, including:

- Domestic and international shipping (including military sealift);
- Fisheries and natural resources;
- Domestic energy policy;
- Transportation and infrastructure;
- Port and maritime security;
- International trade; and
- Federal appropriations and budget.

He also has extensive legislative experience in general public policy analysis and planning, strategic counseling, and coalition management and coordination. Darrell also assists clients in incorporating public policy into their strategic planning, integrating public relations into their legal and advocacy activities, and legislative drafting.

His principal representations include fishermen and other fishery stakeholders, cargo and passenger vessel operators, a ship classification society, transportation product manufacturers and service providers, and a leading coalition of U.S. maritime interests.

He has worked with the Department of Transportation (including the office of the Secretary, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the Maritime Administration), the Department of Commerce (specifically, the office of the Secretary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, and National Marine Fisheries Service), the Department of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard), and the Department of Defense.

Darrell is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the International Propeller Club of the United States, and is a past president of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the International Propeller Club.

He served on the staff of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the U.S. House of Representatives under its ranking member, Congressman Bob Davis (R-MI).

EDUCATION

- B.A., James Madison University, 1991

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 11 September 2020, USDA Provides Seafood Trade Relief (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 September 2020, Five Things the Maritime Industry Should Know as the 116th Congress Concludes (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 7 July 2020, Preparing for the Next Hanjin: The Unique Challenges and Ripple Effects of Maritime Insolvency and Restructuring (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 July 2020, Maritime Industry Prepares For Busy Legislative Stretch (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 July 2020, COVID-19: Renewed and Unique Opportunity for Fishing Industry in Paycheck Protection Program (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 June 2020, The Essential Guide to the Jones Act (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 May 2020, Major Changes in Title XI, the Federal Ship Financing Program (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 May 2020, COVID-19: Trump Administration Takes Actions to Assist U.S. Fishing Industry (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 May 2020, COVID-19: Trump Administration Takes Actions to Assist U.S. Aquaculture (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 April 2020, COVID-19: The Continuing Impacts of COVID-19 on Transportation & Logistics (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 April 2020, COVID-19: Supply Chain Impacts (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 26 March 2020, COVID-19: Impacts to Transportation & Logistics (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 March 2020, COVID-19: Impacts to Transportation & Logistics (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 March 2020, COVID-19: Retail and Supply Chain Outlook (*Research Surveys*)
- March 2020, COVID-19: Analysis of White House National Emergency Declaration and Implementation (*Research Surveys*)

- 5 March 2020, DOT Announces \$225 Million in Port Grant Opportunities (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 5 February 2020, DOT Announces Funding Opportunity for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 January 2020, Industry Predictions for 2020 From the Maritime Professionals at K&L Gates (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 January 2020, The Can-Do Congress? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 27 June 2019, New Opportunities for Port Infrastructure Investment (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 November 2018, Congress Passes Coast Guard Authorization Bill with Historic Overhaul of Vessel Discharges Standards and Other Measures (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 November 2018, Sea-zing the Day: Preparing for Maritime Issues in the 116th Congress (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 7 February 2018, The Eerie Similarities Between The Gulf Spill In 2010 And Hurricane Maria In Puerto Rico 7 Years Later: How the Facts About the Jones Act Got Thrown Overboard (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 September 2017, The Trump Administration's Automated Vehicles Guidance Hits the Gas Pedal on Innovation (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 September 2017, House Green Lights Autonomous Vehicle Legislation (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 May 2017, President Trump's Latest Executive Order a Potential Boon for Offshore Energy Development (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 December 2016, NHTSA Pushes For Smartphones to Incorporate Automatic Pairing and Driver Mode in New "Guidelines" (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 September 2016, NHTSA Guidelines Drive Toward an Autonomous Vehicle Future (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 August 2016, The New JADE: Energizing Jones Act Enforcement (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 August 2016, Is the Rapidly Evolving Landscape for Vehicle Technology About to Hit Regulatory and Legal Speedbumps? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 12 July 2016, Regulating Exploration on the Arctic OCS: Interior Finalizes Rules for Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 October 2015, Arctic Development: Presentation Slides (*Presentations*)
- 8 June 2015, Ferry Service Between The United States And Cuba—Imminent Or Not? (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries (*Media Mention*)

- 1 November 2016, Former Counsel to Sen. Charles Schumer Joins K&L Gates as Washington, D.C., Public Policy Partner (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Maritime
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- Maritime Regulatory
- Maritime Transactions and Finance
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