



Jorge Romero

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OVERVIEW

Jorge Romero works in the maritime, finance, transportation, and restructuring and insolvency practice groups. He has extensive experience in international and domestic U.S. financial transactions in the maritime industry, focusing on asset-based structured financings and related capital markets transactions. In that context he has represented borrowers, lessees, hedge funds, institutional investors, and banks. He has also represented shipping company debtors and creditors in restructurings and bankruptcies.

Jorge's commercial experience includes a broad variety of contracts and transactions involving maritime assets, such as shipbuilding contracts, vessel sale and purchase agreements, bareboat and time charters, contracts of affreightment, contracts for private marine security services, and related regulatory matters.

An important part of his practice focuses on advising investors and target companies on compliance with U.S. maritime laws relating to ownership and operation of vessels, such as the Jones Act and the American Fisheries Act.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Of Counsel, K&L Gates 2007 to present
- Of Counsel, Preston, Gates, Ellis and Rouvelas Meeds 1998 to 2007
- Associate, Fort & Shlefer 1992 to 1998

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Chambers USA*: Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Regulatory in USA - Nationwide, recognized as notable practitioner

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Fund for the Future of Our Children

- Member, Propeller Club of Washington, D.C.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presentation on the Inland Waterways Trust Fund at the Pacific Northwest's Mission to Washington, March 2012;
- Presentation on Water Resources Infrastructure Funding at the National Waterways Conference's 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting, September 2010;
- Presentation on Alternative Funding for the Inland Waterways Trust Fund at the National Waterways Conference's Annual Meeting, September 2009;
- Presentation on government guaranteed ship financing in 2009 North America's Marine Highways Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 1983
- B.A., Columbia College, 1976 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of New York

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 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*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 26 April 2019, Chambers USA 2019 Guide Ranks K&L Gates, Lawyers Among Leaders (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Maritime
- Corporate Debt Securities
- Debt Capital Markets
- Maritime Regulatory
- Maritime Transactions and Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Oil and Gas
- Restructuring and Insolvency