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OVERVIEW

Luke Reid is a partner in the firm's Boston office. Luke provides advice and representation in connection with government investigations, criminal and civil litigation, maritime regulatory compliance, environmental enforcement defense, and international law. Since entering private practice in 2012, he has represented numerous maritime corporations and individuals in a variety of civil and criminal matters, including matters before the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Labor, and other government enforcement and regulatory agencies. Most recently, Luke represented the owner and operator of the SS EL FARO, a Ro-Ro/Container vessel that sank in 2015 in Hurricane Joaquin in the Caribbean, resulting in a complete loss of the vessel, all cargo, and all 33 persons on board. This included the lead representation in the U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Board of Investigation (USCG MBI) and co-counsel roles in connection with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigation and the civil limitation of liability suit in federal court.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Luke is a former U.S. Coast Guard officer and attorney, having left active duty as a Commander in 2011. While on active duty, he served as a military prosecutor, defense counsel, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, having investigated and litigated a wide variety of criminal matters. During his career in government, Luke participated in numerous complex shipboard and federal grand jury investigations of individuals and corporations for environmental crimes, seaman's manslaughter, fraud, and obstruction of justice. As legal counsel to senior managers of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, he also assisted in the adjudication and payment of more than \$200M in pollution claims, and assisted the Department of Justice in civil cost recovery litigation from responsible parties under U.S. pollution laws. While an active duty attorney, Luke led numerous missions in more than 20 European, African, and Asian nations in furtherance of various U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives. These missions included providing overseas training and assistance to foreign nations in rule of law development, combating transnational crime, counter piracy operations, drug and human smuggling interdiction, the legal aspects of counterterrorism, border security, anti-corruption, human rights, and war crimes.

He is the recipient of numerous awards from the U.S. Department of Justice.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected as a “Next Generation” lawyer in the area of “Transport: Shipping - Litigation and Regulation” by *Legal 500 USA*, 2019-2020
- Executive Office of U.S. Attorney's, Directors Award for Superior Performance of Litigation Team (2009)
- Judge Advocates Association, Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney Award (2008)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Certificate of Commendation (2003), (2006), (2007), and (2008)
- Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (3 Awards)
- Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- Judge Advocate General's Spirit of Excellence Award (2011)
- Registered Professional Engineer (1996-2001)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- U.S. Maritime Law Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “The El Faro, A Case Study: Lessons Learned,” Connecticut Maritime Association Shipping 2018 Conference, March 13, 2018, Stamford, Connecticut

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Maryland School of Law, 1999
- Master of Science in Engineering, University of Michigan, 1994 (*Mechanical Engineering*)
- Master of Science in Engineering, University of Michigan, 1994 (*Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering*)
- B.S., United States Coast Guard Academy, 1990 (*Civil Engineering*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Maryland
- Bar of Massachusetts

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 13 October 2020, U.S. Coast Guard Signals Intent to Require Safety Management Systems For Domestic Passenger Vessels (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 1 October 2020, Things to Watch: Congressional Funding for the U.S. Coast Guard (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 May 2020, U.S. Raises Bar for Sanctions Compliance in Maritime, Energy, and Metals Sectors (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 April 2020, COVID-19: Vessel Entry into U.S. Ports in the Age of a Pandemic (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 March 2020, COVID-19: Impact on Supply Chain and Transportation Contracts
- 31 January 2020, IMO 2020 Is Here: Top 10 Considerations for Foreign Flag Vessels Calling on U.S. Ports and U.S. Flag Vessels Operating Worldwide (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 31 August 2018, 20/20 Vision for the 2020 Global Low Sulfur Requirement for the Shipping Industry (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 July 2018, Do You Clearly See What's Coming? (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 10 July 2020, K&L Gates Energy, Infrastructure and Resources Practice Ranked by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide in Eight Categories with 28 Lawyers Recommended (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 25 June 2020, K&L Gates Practices and Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Legal 500 United States Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)
- 6 June 2019, K&L Gates Earns Practice and Lawyer Recognitions in 2019 *Legal 500 United States* Guide (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Maritime
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Investigations, Enforcement, and White Collar
- Maritime Compliance
- Maritime Disputes
- Maritime Regulatory
- Maritime Transactions and Finance

- Offshore Wind Energy
- White Collar Crime

EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen