



## Maritime Practice

With nearly 40 shipping attorneys in New York, Washington, D.C., Houston, and Philadelphia, Blank Rome has the largest and most comprehensive maritime practice in the United States. The maritime practice team is the recipient of the Lloyd's List Excellence in Maritime Law Award in 2019, recognizing "exemplary expertise and commitment to the shipping industry as well as innovation through which lawyers have played a crucial role in notable cases, restructuring, or dispute resolution." Our Firm was ranked Band 1 for Nationwide Transportation Shipping Litigation and Nationwide Shipping Regulatory by Chambers USA for seven consecutive years (2014 through 2020). We have also been recognized as a Top-Tier Firm by *The Legal 500 United States 2020* in Shipping – Finance and Shipping – Litigation and Regulation, and U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks us as a top tier firm, including as the "2013 Law Firm of the Year" for Maritime & Admiralty Law. And, in 2016 and 2015, we won Lloyd's List North American Maritime Legal Services Award.

Blank Rome Maritime helps companies find safe passage in challenging times by providing legal and business counsel to

companies in all aspects of the maritime industry. We represent publicly traded and privately-owned companies throughout the world, including ship owners and operators, charterers, cargo owners, ship managers, shipyards, wind farm operators, marine construction and transportation companies, waterfront facilities and terminals, energy companies, P&I clubs, marine insurers, shippers, financial institutions, and private equity investors.

Our success in serving the maritime industry includes a unique combination of regulatory, legislative, defense, and commercial advice and assistance. Whether the matter involves vessel or corporate finance; structuring a strategic alliance; compliance with state, federal, or international regulatory requirements; interpreting or complying with the rules of maritime, shipping, or transportation law; commercial, corporate, or general litigation; bankruptcy; insurance and reinsurance; tax; or defending against enforcement actions or criminal prosecutions, we have the knowledge and experience you need to get the job done.



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## TRANSACTIONS

- Vessel Secured Financings
- Vessel Lease Financings
- Title XI Loan Guarantee Financings
- Shipbuilding Contracts
- Ship Purchases and Sales
- Vessel Charters and Management Agreements
- Maritime Bankruptcies and Restructurings
- Jones Act Citizenship Issues
- Export/Import Control and Trade Sanctions
- Cross-Border Transactions



## LITIGATION

- Collisions and Allisions
- Fires, Explosions, Groundings and Sinkings
- Pollution
- Personal Injury and Death
- Charter Party Disputes
- Commodity Disputes
- Appeals
- Judgment
- Enforcement
- Vessel Arrest and Attachment



## REGULATORY

- U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental, Protection Agency, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Federal Maritime Commission, and Maritime Administration
- Sanctions Advice and Counseling
- Maritime Environmental Compliance and Training
- Internal and Grand Jury Investigations
- Administrative, Civil, and Criminal Enforcement Actions
- Risk Mitigation Strategies Related to Pollution Incidents
- Administrative and Legislative Solutions

## EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS, RECOGNIZED IN THEIR FIELDS

Our attorneys play a major role in many of the industry's leading conferences and often write for, and are quoted in, leading maritime publications. Our pool of talent encompasses a wide variety of backgrounds and experience. Our attorneys include former U.S. Coast Guard and Navy officers, representatives and senior staff from Congressional committees, and high level officials of government agencies, including the U.S. Maritime Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and others. Among our attorneys, we have professors of maritime law and several authors and editors of leading maritime treatises and textbooks, including including *Time Charters*, *Voyage Charters*, *Navigating Maritime Arbitration: The Experts Speak*; the United States chapter for *Ports and Terminals*; *Maritime Security Handbook*; *The Healy Lectures*; and the *Benedict on Admiralty* volumes relating to salvage and carriage of goods by sea. We regularly publish our Blank Rome *Mainbrace* newsletter, with key industry updates and analysis. Please click [here](#) to see a list of our *Mainbrace* articles.

Members of the Firm are often called upon to serve as arbitrators and to serve as expert witnesses in foreign litigation and courts on issues of U.S. maritime law.



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