

transportation law

McMillan has a long association with the transportation industry. Our Transportation Group represents owners, lessors, financiers, passenger and cargo carriers, shippers, shipbuilders, ports, facility operators and insurers operating across all modes of transportation. In addition to providing day-to-day advice and solutions for problems that affect our transportation clients, we participate in major commercial transactions of a non-recurring nature such as the purchase or sale of a transportation business and the sophisticated financing of transportation equipment. We are also engaged in the regulatory and public policy aspects of transportation law. We acted for the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation in the commercialization of the management and operations of the Seaway.

Members of the Transportation Law Group draw on the other practice areas of the firm for advice in relation to labour, bankruptcy and insolvency, taxes and duties.

The group has considerable experience in:

marine

- Major transactions involving commercial vessels including acquisitions, financings and ship registration
- Joint ventures between ship owners for the management and operation of vessels
- Importation of non-Canadian vessels into Canada and coasting trade waivers
- Shipbuilding
- Canada port authorities

rail and rolling stock

- Cross-border leasing of rail cars structured to maximize tax benefits registering leases and other security documents with the Registrar General of Canada
- Compliance aspects of the transportation of dangerous goods
- Confidential contracts under the *Canada Transportation Act* between shippers and rail carriers

airlines and aircraft

- Transactions involving the acquisition of new aircraft equipment from US, French, British and Brazilian manufacturers
- Financing of equipment purchases with cross-border leases and other forms of offshore financing
- Structuring corporate jet solutions

- Restructuring of airline debt and lease structures
- Liaising with Transport Canada regarding air regulatory issues
- Acquisitions, divestitures and formation of airlines
- Code sharing agreements between air carriers
- Charter agreements for passenger and cargo aircraft

litigation, insurance and general admiralty

- Bills of lading and the liability of carriers for damage to goods
- Insurance claims
- Oil pollution
- Mediation and alternative dispute resolution

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