

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Jonathan Benner has represented shipowners, insurers, transportation intermediaries, ports, and maritime trade associations in litigation and transactional matters for four decades. His expertise in the maritime field includes regulatory issues affecting container, tanker, and cruise vessel operations.

Much of Jonathan's practice has been litigation arising from conflicts between state, local, federal, and international regimes governing vessel and port operations. He has successfully argued significant constitutional issues at all levels of the American federal court system, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

Prior to entering private practice, Jon was a trial and appellate attorney for the federal government, and also served for three years as General Counsel of the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission. He received his undergraduate degrees in International Relations and Economics from the School of International Service of the American University and his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.