

# Warren L. Dean, Jr.

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## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Warren Dean's practice focuses on federal regulation of transportation services, both domestic and international. He represents several of the nation's largest transportation and energy interests before the courts, federal agencies, and Congress in Washington, D.C. He has handled complex regulatory, antitrust, and tax controversies involving the transportation sector.

### Distinction

Mr. Dean chairs the firm's Transportation and International Commerce group, which is one of the most prominent practices of its kind in the nation. His practice is concentrated in the field of international transportation services and other transborder transactions. He represented the U.S. airline industry in obtaining regulatory approval of new liability rules for passengers, Senate approval of new amendments to the Warsaw Convention, and a Supreme Court decision upholding the Convention's preemption of state law causes of action. He also represents international shipping interests and chaired a coalition that was successful in reforming the taxation of shipping income. He argued a case before the Supreme Court affirming the immunity of state instrumentalities from private lawsuits in federal administrative proceedings. The case involved a complaint filed before the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission.

### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Aero Club of Washington
- Federal Bar Association
- International Aviation Club

### Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**  
Partner (1998-Present)
- **Dyer, Ellis & Joseph**  
Partner (1988-1998)
- **U.S. Department of Transportation**  
Assistant General Counsel for International Law (1983-1988)
- **U.S. International Trade Commission**  
Office of General Counsel (1975-1978)

### Education

- **Georgetown University Law Center**  
Adjunct Professor, Graduate Program (1989-Present)  
Recipient of the Charles Fahy Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award (2007-2008)
- **Georgetown University**  
L.L.M., Tax Law (1979)
- **University of Maryland**  
J.D. (1975)  
B.A. (1972)



### Licensure

- Maryland (1975)
- District of Columbia (1980)
- U.S. Supreme Court (1997)
- U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit (1998)
- U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit (2000)
- U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit (2001)

### Civic Involvement

- **Journal of Commerce**  
Guest Legal Commentator

### Primary Practice Areas

- Transportation Law
- Antitrust Law
- International Law

### Industries of Concentration

- Transportation
- Energy

### Representative Clients

- Air Transport Association of America
- General Ore International Corporation
- Sonair International, Inc.
- South Carolina State Ports Authority

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## Speaking Engagements

- "Cross-Border Investment in International Airlines," Presentation, Air & Space Law Annual Meeting, Global Skies: Working Towards an Open Global Aviation System (Aug. 4, 2000)
- "Global Warming and the Transportation Industry," Panel Presentation for the Federal Bar Association at the Department of Transportation (March 15, 2000)
- "Developments Pertaining to UN IPCC & European Taxation," IATA Fuel Trade Presentation, San Francisco, CA (May 13, 1999)
- "Air Transport Liability Regime Changes: DOHSA, Montreal Protocol No. 4 & Revision of Warsaw Convention," Moderator of Panel Discussion, American Bar Association Transportation Committee meeting (Nov. 10, 1998)
- "Aircraft Emissions: The Environmental Challenges," Presentation, International Bar Association's Biennial Conference in Vancouver, Canada (Sept. 16, 1998)
- "Free Flight and Emissions Limitations," Presentation, IATA Fuel Trade Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Oct. 28-30, 1997)
- "Restructuring the Warsaw Right to Recovery," Presentation, 30th Annual SMU Air Law Symposium (Feb. 28, 1996)
- "Status of the Warsaw System: 1994," Presentation, Forum on Air and Space Law, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C. (June 3, 1994)
- "Regulating for Competitiveness," Presentation, Air Cargo Shippers Conference, Chicago, IL (Sept. 14, 1993)
- "The Status of the Montreal Aviation Protocols," Presentation, ABA National Institute, Litigation in Aviation, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 15, 1992)

## Publications

- "[Alliances, Immunity, and the Future of Aviation](#)," *The Air and Space Lawyer* (January 2010)
- "A tax on fast-track," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Wednesday, Jan 20, 1999)
- "Jones Act: Who is accountable?" Opinion, *Marine Log* (March 1999)
- "A New Warsaw Convention," *Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association Journal*, Vol. XXI No. 1 (Spring 1999)
- "Sewing emissions straitjacket," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997)
- "Jones Act reflects fundamentals of US legal system," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Dec. 1, 1997)
- "Just follow the law," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1997)
- "Taking taxpayers for a ride," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Friday, July 25, 1997)
- "Europe's confiscatory policy," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Friday, July 11, 1997)
- "US fleet decimated by taxes," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Wednesday, May 21, 1997)
- "Caution, protectionism ahead!" Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Wednesday, May 7, 1997)
- "Back-door reregulation," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Thursday, Apr. 24, 1997)
- "Taxing and destroying shipping," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Tuesday, Apr. 8, 1997)
- "America's worst polluter," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Tuesday, Mar. 25, 1997)
- "Dissecting the Jones Act," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Tuesday, Mar. 11, 1997)
- "Procedure for Measuring Damages to Resources Is a Taint Upon Superfund," Co-Author, *The National Law Journal* (Monday, Oct. 14, 1996)
- "Regulatory Reform and Judicial Review," *Administrative Law Review*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Summer 1996)
- "Discord on Shipbuilding Pact," *Legal Times* (Aug. 12, 1996)
- "Title XI: Paying for a mandate," Opinion, *The Journal of Commerce* (Wednesday, July 17, 1996)
- "Nature's Cost: Uncle Sam's destruction of natural resources may bust the budget," Co-Author, *Legal Times* (May 13, 1996)
- "Restructuring the Warsaw Right to Recovery," *Aviation Law Reports* (Apr. 10, 1996)
- "Veering off Course," Co-Author, *Legal Times* (Mar. 20, 1995)
- "Airline Liability in International Air Transportation: Time for a Change," *The Air and Space Lawyer*, Volume 4, No. 2 (Winter 1989)
- "Sunset: The Merger of Civil Aeronautics Board Functions into the Department of Transportation,"

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Co-Author, *Federal Bar News & Journal*, Volume 34, No. 1 (Jan. 1987)