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PRACTICES

- Transportation and International Commerce

EDUCATION

- Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law, J.D.,
1999
- The George Washington
University, B.A., Political Science,
1991

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner,
2008-Present Associate, 2003-
2007
- Dombroff & Gilmore, P.C.
Associate, 2000-2003
- Rodriguez O'Donnell Fuerst
Gonzalez & Williams Associate,
1999-2000 Law Clerk, 1998-1999

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

With 25 years of experience in the transportation industry, Sean helps his clients navigate through and maintain compliance with the complex web of federal regulations affecting aviation, rail, trucking, maritime and export operations. He is co-chair of the firm's UAS (Drone) Practice Group.

Sean also counsels clients on U.S. federal regulatory compliance issues associated with the exportation of controlled products, technology and associated services and advises clients on the movement of hazardous materials by all modes of transport. He practices before a variety of federal regulatory agencies, including the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC), the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Department of Commerce (DOC) regarding Export Administration Regulations (EAR) matters, the Department of State regarding International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) matters, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Publications

- "Trade Compliance Handbook"; updated March 2017
- "Checklists of Foreign Countries Subject to Sanctions"; updated March 2017
- "Shippers, are you ready for SOLAS' verified container weight mandate?"; April 2016

Presentations

- "It's A Bird? It's A Plane? It's A Drone!: Unmanned Aircraft on Campus"; NACUA virtual seminar November 2015
- "International Trade Law: Export Control Reform: What Does It Mean or Not Mean For Your ITAR and/or EAR Exports"; September 2013

Affiliations

- Aero Club of Washington
- American Bar Association
- American Association of Exporters and Importers
- Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International
- Society for International Affairs
- Virginia State Bar