

Transportation Lawyers Association Committee Descriptions and Chairs for 2009-2010

PRACTICE DIVISION

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Subject Area Committees

Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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This committee's principal purpose is to communicate with TLA members on Labor and Human Resource issues which impact the transportation industry. To meet this objective committee members will provide timely written updates/articles and present programs to TLA members which deal with employment-related matters. The committee goals will be met by publishing articles in *The Transportation Lawyer* and presenting part of the Legal Education Program at the TLA Annual Conference and/or Transportation Law Institute.

Committee on Freight Claims

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The focus of TLA's Freight Claims Committee is to keep its members informed of current developments in freight claim and related issues and litigation for all modes of transportation, so that we may better advise and protect the interests of our clients. We seek to accomplish this goal by encouraging use of our forum for questions and novel issues, preparation and circulation of summaries of relevant decisions, legislative developments, citations and pleadings, in-person round-table discussion of recent cases and developments at our Annual Meeting and at the Transportation Law Institute and through general networking among committee members.

Committee on Antitrust and Unfair Trade Practice

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The mandate of the committee is to develop antitrust topics for the legal education program at the TLA Annual Conference and the Transportation Law Institute, coordinate written articles prepared by committee members for publication in *The Transportation Lawyer* and solicit information from committee members regarding new legal developments in the antitrust area for dissemination to other members.

Committee on Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

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The Committee on Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights offers its members numerous opportunities to meet and interact with other transportation practitioners whose practices include bankruptcy and creditor-debtor law; stay current on relevant legal issues in that field; contribute articles to *The Transportation Lawyer* on timely topics in the fields of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor law; and participate in continuing legal education panels at TLA conferences. The committee meets annually at the TLA conference in May or June; and also meets by telephone at other times during the year to plan or discuss activities.

Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution

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The goal of the Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution is to provide members of the Transportation Lawyers Association continued legal education opportunities and updates of federal and state alternative dispute resolution cases as they effect the transportation industry. In addition, the committee promotes alternative means for members to mediate and arbitrate disputes and provides the membership with a list of certified experienced members who are available to the transportation industry.

Committee on Casualty Litigation

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The Casualty Litigation Committee is devoted to sharing information, strategies and breaking developments for the effective defense of accident litigation filed against the transportation industry. Motor carrier liability, insurance coverage, discovery issues and trial tactics are primary areas of focus.

Committee on Commercial and Business Litigation

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The Commercial and Business Litigation Committee monitors, reviews and informs the TLA of business and commercial litigation in the transportation sector, including but not limited to transactional litigation, collection matters, coverage issues, demurrage and detention, contract issues and disputes and restrictive covenants. The committee intends to distribute case summaries, participate in regional and annual seminars, and identify resources such as expert witnesses. We encourage active participation in the sharing of case law and experience to enable the committee to keep all members of the TLA fully informed of developments in civil litigation concerning transportation issues.

Committee on Logistics and E-Commerce

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The mission of the Committee on Logistics and E-Commerce is to foster interest among the members of TLA in the law and legal decisions affecting transportation logistics and transportation e-commerce; to facilitate the education of the members of TLA concerning the laws and legal decisions affecting transportation logistics and transportation e-commerce; to encourage its members to submit legal articles for publication in *The Transportation Lawyer* and in *The Transportation Law Journal* pertaining to transportation logistics and transportation e-commerce; and to encourage its members to make presentations at TLA conferences and seminars and at Transportation Law Institutes pertaining to transportation logistics and transportation e-commerce.

Governmental Affairs Committees

Committee on Federal Legislation, Agency Practice and Security

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This committee reviews pending bills relating to the funding of federal transportation regulatory agencies and projects as well as licensing, safety and fitness, and other regulatory statutes affecting carriers and shippers of goods, except for trade security issues; and monitors substantive and procedural developments at federal agencies which affect transportation. Of particular interest are precedent setting adjudications and rulemakings before the FMCSA, STB, OSHA, FMC and other agencies which affect the operations, duties and obligations of the various transportation modes which TLA members represent.

Committee on State Regulatory Issues

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The mandate of the committee is to apprise the membership and interested parties of the status of motor carrier regulation by the respective states.

Committee on Canadian Transportation Law

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The Canadian Transportation Law Committee will monitor transportation law related developments in Canada and identify those that are likely to be of broad interest to the members of TLA, and pursue avenues for timely information sharing. In addition, the committee will provide a forum for networking among those members of TLA that have an active and ongoing interest in the trends and developments in Canadian transportation law; encourage the membership to make regular and timely submissions to the editors of *The Transportation lawyer* on issues and developments in the Canadian transportation law forum; and consider and undertake other related and compatible activities on an ad hoc basis.

Committee on International Trade and NAFTA

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The committee's purpose is to provide information and advice to and a forum for members on international transportation/trade issues: comparative analyses on national laws impacting international transportation issues including taxation, employment, immigration, workers' compensation, independent and dependent contractors, labor relations, hours of service and drug testing; international customs and trade restrictions affecting global and national transportation industry efficiency, competitiveness and security; and international and national transportation liability regimes.

Modal Committees

Committee on Aviation

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The Aviation Committee serves three functions: to assist members with questions relating to aviation law; to provide articles and lectures to the membership in a continuing education role; and to be a resource for referrals to experts and counsel with aviation skills throughout the world.

Committee on Admiralty and Maritime Transportation

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The Admiralty and Maritime Transportation Committee was created to help the members keep up to date on admiralty and maritime law and developments, especially in relation to other modes of transportation and intermodal transactions, and to attract and service attorneys with interest or partial interest in that area and to encourage them to write articles and notes for *The Transportation Lawyer*.

Committee on Rail Transportation

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The Committee on Rail Transportation is comprised of TLA members who have an interest in transportation by rail. A purpose of the Rail Transportation Committee is to keep its members abreast of current developments in the rail industry. In addition, the Rail Transportation Committee is committed to educating all TLA members by submitting material for publication in *The Transportation Lawyer* presenting speakers at TLA's Annual Conference.

Committee on Motor Carrier Transportation

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The Committee on Motor Carrier Transportation is charged with monitoring the ever-evolving industry of highway transportation for hire. Members maintain an up-to-date and working knowledge of all facets of the industry and are often looked to for their expertise in this specialized area of law. The committee provides a network of practicing attorneys in multiple jurisdictions able to educate and represent clients on issues unique to motor carrier operations.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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Committee on Memorials/History

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The History and Memorials Committee of TLA is the custodian of memories of the organization. Richard Champlin, past president and long time chairman of the committee has written two informal "histories" of the group, the latest version is available on the website. Included in its mission, the committee is charged with publishing memorials of deceased members in The Transportation Lawyer. The committee would appreciate being notified of the death of any member preferably not by the decedent.

Publicity Committee

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The mission of the Publicity Committee is to raise the profile of TLA, both in the transportation industry and with other members of the legal profession. To that end, the Publicity Committee works to identify mechanisms and forums through which to promote the organization, its activities and its members, and then follows through as appropriate.

Computer and Technology Committee

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The committee's goal is to improve communications among TLA members and with the general public through the use of technology including, in particular, through the TLA Web Site. The committee is responsible for maintaining, updating and expanding the capabilities of the TLA Web Site. The committee works with the TLA Executive Director, committee chairmen and members to update various information that is available at the Web Site, including directories, the Brief Bank, links to other web sites, and upcoming education events. The committee also strives to advise the membership of new sources of information that are available on the Internet, in particular at government and other transportation-related web sites.

ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBER SERVICES DIVISION

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Committee on Ethics

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The primary purpose of TLA's Ethics Committee is to further the education of the organization's members at large on the standards of professional conduct for lawyers and the pressing ethical issues and concerns of the day, principally through articles in *The Transportation Lawyer* and through live presentations at meetings and seminars. Its goal is to promote the highest standards of ethical conduct among the community of transportation lawyers, for the betterment of the individual members, as a reflection on the quality of the organization itself, and to better serve our clients.

Committee on Recruitment and Member Services

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The Committee on Recruitment and Member Services is specifically devoted to broadening the base of TLA membership. The Membership Committee strives to broaden that base both in terms of numerosity and diversity. The Membership Committee is constantly seeking new members, along with organizational groups with which to liaison, to generate new members. The Membership and Recruitment Committee continues to urge all members to let us know about any prospects.

Young Lawyers Committee

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The Young Lawyers Committee's primary goals are to facilitate the involvement of new members in TLA, promote interaction between new/younger members with the veteran/seasoned members of TLA and to foster relationships among the new/younger members that will create life long involvement with one another and commitment to TLA.

Networking Committee

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The Networking Committee's goals are to facilitate the involvement of new members in TLA, develop ideas to increase the value of TLA membership and promote communications between members.

PLANNING DIVISION

Secretary/Treasurer, Dirk H. Beckwith, Officer in Charge

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This committee furnishes the Executive Committee with assistance and advice on drafting proposed or approved amendments to the Association's bylaws and considers and makes recommendations on issues relating to the legal structure and governance of the Association.

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TLA's Corporate Counsel Committee's main goal is to increase corporate counsel's active and continuing membership in TLA. Our committee serves as the "home team" for in-house members within TLA's preponderance of litigator-members. We strive to facilitate liaisons between our members and appropriately specialized and located transportation firms. We encourage our members to consult and share with one another best practices and tricks of the in-house trade. Last but not least, we keep the litigator-members informed as to what we, as in-house counsel, need from our outside counsel.

* Membership in these committees is limited (see descriptions for membership requirements).