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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Finance
- Government Contracts, Investigations & International Trade

### INDUSTRIES

- Digital Business
- Financial Services
- Maritime

## OVERVIEW

Gregory B. Mendenhall is special counsel in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group and the Government Contracts & Regulated Industries Practice. Mr. Mendenhall works in the firm's Washington, D.C. and New York offices.

### Areas of Practice

Mr. Mendenhall's practice is concentrated in corporate and commercial maritime matters, as well as regulatory and legislative matters. He has extensive experience in maritime industry, including drafting and negotiating maritime contracts and business transactions and advocacy on behalf of clients before federal agencies and the U.S. Congress. Mr. Mendenhall's clients have included domestic and foreign vessel owners and operators, major oil companies, shipyards and large corporations that own or operate maritime assets as a part of their business.

Mr. Mendenhall has represented clients and provided advice on project transactions and structures, on charters and charter disputes, on domestic and foreign ship construction contracts, on Title XI financing, and on domestic and foreign vessel ownership and operating agreements and structures. He has obtained numerous regulatory approvals for his clients and has obtained statutory changes to the domestic vessel financing statutes and documentation and manning requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard. He also represents clients before the U.S. Congress on the maritime cargo preference programs. He is the author of several articles and has made many presentations and speeches on matters concerning his practice.

Mr. Mendenhall spent 10 years on the business side of the maritime industry with significant responsibility for both legal and business matters. He was vice president and director at United States Lines, Inc., where he was responsible for worldwide vessel operations. He oversaw and directed the construction of 17 new vessels; negotiated shipyard contracts, vessel sales and purchase agreements, worldwide contracts for vessel repairs and modifications and managed the U.S. Navy (Military Sealift Command) vessel chartering and operations. His practical business experience adds a substantial dimension to the advice and representation of maritime clients.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Mendenhall was a founding partner of Abourezk, Shack & Mendenhall, P.C., Washington, D.C. He spent ten years in Washington and has handled significant matters before the Federal Communications Commission, Customs Service and the United States Congress.

**EDUCATION**

- J.D., The George Washington University Law School, 1971
- B.A., Brigham Young University, 1968

**ADMISSIONS**

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, East District of New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

**HONORS**

- Named to *The International Who's Who of Shipping & Maritime Lawyers* 2010

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, District of Columbia Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Maritime Association of the United States
- Member, American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)