

Maritime, Oilfield & Insurance Business Law

Overview

Liskow & Lewis lawyers are nationally recognized for representation of clients in matters involving maritime, oil and insurance law. Wherever daily operations intersect with legal issues, our maritime, oil and insurance team has both an understanding of the industry and a depth of experience.

Contract Drafting & Negotiation

In our comprehensive contracts practice, Liskow & Lewis lawyers serve clients throughout all stages of contract drafting and negotiation. We create and review offshore agreements, as well as help clients minimize conflicts resulting from the interaction of contracts and various jurisdictions.

Areas in which our lawyers have considerable skills and experience include drafting master service agreements, bareboat and time charters, flight service agreements, construction contracts and daywork, footage and turnkey drilling contracts.

Often the primary goal of many of these projects is the application and enforceability of indemnity and insurance provisions. We believe that resolving contractual and insurance issues in advance is one of the best ways to improve our clients' bottom lines. We review safety rules to discern liability issues. Our maritime, oilfield and insurance professionals work with our business and oil and gas attorneys to review a variety of agreements from the standpoint of liability, indemnity and insurance issues.

Once a contract is finalized, we protect and support clients by providing immediate advice related to disputes, such as blowouts, environmental disasters and mid-project contract terminations. We also have a wealth of experience successfully litigating every form of dispute and drilling contract issue in court.

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Disaster Response

Maritime, oilfield and insurance attorneys work as part of the firm's catastrophe response team. They represent and advise clients in connection with disaster related personal injuries and property damages of all kinds. Through their years of experience, our attorneys have developed contacts and relationships with a wide array of emergency responders and expert witnesses.

The group's experience spans property, maritime, business interruption, errors and omissions and general liability insurance issues.

Maritime Liens & Vessel Arrests

The Liskow & Lewis team has significant experience in the successful prosecution and defense of arrest and foreclosure proceedings. We have handled seizures of vessels, cargo, and other maritime property on behalf of both creditors and debtors.

Maritime Finance

The firm's experience includes all facets of maritime finance, including financing for ship construction, acquisition and refurbishment loans and offshore equipment leases.

Vessel Construction

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