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An experienced maritime industry professional with more than 26 years of C-suite and partnership level experience in public and private companies. Significant commercial expertise in tankers and dry bulk as Owner and Operator. Extensive maritime litigation and arbitration experience in the world's major commercial centers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC. Stamford CT (2016 – November 2024)

Eagle Bulk (NYSE: EGLE) is a leading publicly traded dry bulk shipping company specializing in the supramax and ultramax asset classes. Fleet includes fifty-two vessels. Joined with new management team after reorganization with mission to return the company to profitability by actively managing the business. Departed after successful merger with Star Bulk (NASDAQ: SBLK).

General Counsel

- Chief Legal Officer and Advisor to the Board and CEO on all corporate, M&A, S&P, commercial, litigation and compliance matters. Additional day-to-day responsibility for all charter party contracts, commercial disputes, drafting charter party clauses, insurance programs and employment matters. Supervised arbitrations and litigations in multiple jurisdictions around the world. Led all responses to marine casualties including piracy incidents, Houthi missile attack, collisions, fires, pollution, etc. Extensive sale and purchase experience.
- Awarded General Counsel of the Year – Transportation Sector - 2024 - Association of Corporate Counsel/Lexology

PRINCIPAL MARITIME MANAGEMENT LLC Southport, CT (2010 - 2015)

A \$750M crude oil transportation private equity start-up investment by Apollo Global Management, PMM owned and operated a fleet of twelve modern suezmax tankers and four stainless steel chemical tankers engaged in worldwide trade.

Executive Vice President, Head of Global Operations

- Founding Partner and C-suite level executive responsible for the profitability of the fleet, including fleet employment strategy, strategic relationships, chartering decisions and operations
- Specific responsibility for the strategic development and implementation of fleet commercial employment and chartering relationships, negotiation of all charters, including spot, time and commercial management agreements, S&P MOAs, pool agreements, etc.
- Supervised Chartering, Technical, and Operations departments with annual budget of \$32M
- Initiated strategic relationship with Shell and became Shell's single largest crude oil ocean transportation provider within three years of inception, generating over \$70M in net revenue
- Private equity and IPO expertise from start-up to divestment, including capital raises and financing

MICHAEL J. MITCHELL PC New York, New York (2008-2009)

Specializing in maritime law with specific expertise in private equity investments, OFAC licensing, compliance and regulatory issues. Clients included public and private shipowning entities, investment companies and US government agencies.

SHIPOWNERS CLAIMS BUREAU

MANAGERS FOR THE AMERICAN CLUB New York, New York (2002-2007)

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

- Chief Legal Officer for marine liability underwriter with staff of twenty-three lawyers and claims professionals in three offices throughout the world, overseeing over 3,000 incidents per year, including major casualties, charter party disputes, oil pollution incidents and wreck removals
- Appointed and supervised outside counsel and correspondents in multiple foreign and US jurisdictions and supervised arbitrations and litigations worldwide
- Awarded Lloyd's List P&I Club of the Year Award for groundbreaking efforts in handling the TASMAN SPIRIT wreck removal and pollution incident in Karachi, Pakistan
- Reported directly to Club's Board of Directors. Represented Club on IG's Pollution Subcommittee
- Nominated as International Shipping Lawyer of the Year 2005

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP New York, New York (1989 -2002)

Large multipractice law firm with over 1500 attorneys and thirty-two offices. Preeminent admiralty law practice. Formerly known as Haight Gardner Poor and Havens.

Partner 1997-2002

Associate 1989 - 1997

- Elected to the firm's partnership in 1997
- Specialized in charter party disputes, major casualties and environmental incidents around the world
- Represented foreign and US owners, operators and their underwriters
- Federal and state court first chair jury trial and arbitration experience
- Highest professional rating from Martindale Hubbell

US MERCHANT MARINE Sea Experience (1981-1987)

Sailed as licensed deck officer including as Chief Officer aboard US flag merchant vessels in worldwide trade. Extensive tanker and dry bulk experience. Unlimited Chief Mate's license, Master 1500 GRT

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, Juris Doctorate 1989

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York. Bachelor of Science 1981

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Marine Society of the City of New York

Member, Connecticut Maritime Association

Member, Marshall Islands Registry Quality Council

Norwegian Hull Club – Committee Member - Elected 2021

Society of Maritime Arbitrators – Member – Elected 2024