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Seward & Kissel LLP is proud to announce that partners [Michael Timpone](#) and [Robert Lustrin](#), counsel [Hoyoon Nam](#) and associate [Kurt Plankl](#) are now admitted to practice in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The newly admitted lawyers will help Seward & Kissel be even better positioned to serve the firm's many shipping & maritime industry clients.

Information about the newly admitted lawyers may be found below:



Mike Timpone is a partner in Seward & Kissel's Corporate Finance, Transportation Finance and Business Transactions practice groups. He devotes most of his time to the activities of clients in the transportation, in particular, shipping sector. He has extensive experience covering offshore, brown (coastal) water, and blue (ocean) water operations—all subject to different legal authorities and bodies of law. Mr. Timpone is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the U.S. and currently serves as the Chair of the Marine Financing Committee.



Robert Lustrin is a partner in Seward & Kissel's Corporate Securities and Capital Markets Group. Mr. Lustrin focuses his practice on corporate and securities law related primarily to the capital markets activities of international shipping and offshore companies, including registered public offerings, Rule 144A high-yield debt offerings, convertible bond offerings, "PIPE" transactions, and project finance vehicles. Mr. Lustrin also works with many of the firm's U.S.-listed shipping companies in connection with disclosure and securities law compliance matters, is a frequent speaker at shipping industry conferences and seminars on the subject of United States securities law and regulation, and has published articles on issues relating to United States securities offering rules and project financings.



Hoyoon Nam is counsel in Seward & Kissel's Maritime and Transportation Finance Group. He primarily devotes his time to the representation of financial institutions and ship owners in connection with bank financing and restructuring transactions. He is experienced in other corporate transactional work ranging from securities, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, joint ventures, intellectual property and corporate governance matters. Hoyoon is qualified in New York and England as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and has practiced law with an international law firm in London.



Kurt Plankl is an associate in Seward & Kissel's Corporate Finance Group. Prior to joining Seward & Kissel, Kurt held various positions within the maritime industry, including that of Vice President—Maritime Operations and Chief, Vessel Registration, Documentation and Recordation, with International Registries Inc. (IRI), which administers the maritime and corporate programs for the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and for which his responsibilities included, among other things, day-to-day oversight over IRI's New York office and the supervision of the worldwide registration and documentation of vessels and the recording of security interests therein for IRI on behalf of the Marshall Islands.

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