

Michael D. Beattie

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Michael D. Beattie assists clients with matters regarding documentation and negotiation and a wide range of commercial finance transactions.

Mr. Beattie represents lenders and lessors in a wide range of commercial finance transactions, including the financing of transportation assets such as aircraft, vessels and railcars.

Mr. Beattie helps clients with the documentation and negotiation of revolving credit facilities; term loans; real estate acquisition, development and construction loans; and various types of lease transactions.

In addition, Mr. Beattie's experience includes working with financial institutions in various workout matters where he has provided counsel regarding document review and in the drafting of default notices, forbearance agreements and related documentation.

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Representative Matters

- Served as special maritime counsel to a lender in connection with a \$265 million syndicated term loan secured by barges and towing vessels.
- Represented a major national bank in connection with a \$82 million vessel financing for various "Rollon Roll-off" carriers.
- Represented a large financial institution, as administrative agent, collateral agent and lender, in connection with a \$110 million term loan secured by numerous vessels.
- Represented a financing company in connection with a \$54 million drawdown loan facility to provide permanent financing for newly constructed towing vessels.
- Represented a large regional bank in connection with a \$51 million construction and permanent financing facility for an articulated tug and barge unit.
- Represented an international bank affiliate on several bareboat charter transactions involving vessels flagged in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- Represented banks and financing companies on numerous bareboat charter transactions involving both blue water and brown water vessels.
- Represented a financing company in connection with a \$9 million corporate aircraft financing.
- Represented a Canadian bank affiliate in connection with an \$11 million corporate aircraft financing.
- Represented numerous banks and financing companies on lease and loan transactions for corporate fixed wing aircraft and air medical transport helicopters.
- Represented a financing company on a large portfolio acquisition of leases and loans for various transportation assets, including vessels, aircraft and motor vehicles.
- Served as lender's transactional counsel in connection with a \$325 million loan secured by, among other collateral, 10 ocean-going, U.S.-flagged vessels and pledges of stock and membership interests in various obligors.



Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Memberships

- Member American Bar Association
- Member Maryland State Bar Association

Honoraries

- Listed in Chambers USA as a leading Transportation: Shipping/Maritime Finance lawyer in the USA-Nationwide (2025)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Finance Law (2023 2025)

Professional Background

- American Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- "Advanced Technology in Equipment Finance," Equipment Leasing and Finance Association (ELFA) 2025 Legal Forum (May 2025)
- Panelist "Air, Rail and Marine" Roundtable, Equipment Leasing and Finance Association Legal Forum (April 2019)
- "Basic Lease Documentation," Equipment Leasing and Finance Association Legal Forum (May 2017)

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 2004
 - Order of the Coif
 - Joseph Bernstein Prize
 - John L. Thomas Scholar
 - Notes and Comments Editor Maryland Law Review
- Frostburg State University, M.B.A., 2000
- Shippensburg University, B.A., 1993

Admissions

- Maryland
- Court of Appeals of Maryland