



Daniel Rodgers

Of Counsel

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Dan Rodgers is an experienced asset finance attorney focusing his practice on transactions in the shipping and offshore industries.

As a member of the Financial Services Transactions Group, Dan advises financial institutions and corporate borrowers in domestic and international commercial transactions across the full range of asset-based lending matters, including traditional finance transactions, bilateral loans, syndicated/club loans, Export Credit Agency (ECA)-backed facilities, letter of credit and guarantee facilities, and loan restructuring work. He also guides clients on innovative structured financings, lease financings, and U.S. capital markets transactions.

Dan's practice focuses on the shipping and offshore industries, where he has substantial experience with financing both domestic and foreign flagged vessels, deepwater drilling rigs, and support vessels. He also regularly advises lenders and operators on relevant aspects of the coastwise trade laws (Jones Act) of the United States, the corporate and maritime law of each of the Republic of Liberia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Vanuatu maritime law. Clients in the shipping and offshore industries have relied on his extensive knowledge of these bodies of law for more than 25 years for the issuance of legal opinions in connection with a wide variety of transactions, both within and outside of the shipping and offshore industries, and Dan continues to advise these laws, as well as New York law and Louisiana law, from his office in New Orleans.

Dan is recognized as one of the leading shipping finance lawyers in the U.S. by *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, and *Legal 500 US*. He was selected by New York Super Lawyers in the practice area of Transportation & Maritime from 2020 to 2023.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Dan was the managing partner of the New York office of a large, international law firm based in London, England.

Representative Matters

- Advised an American multinational investment bank and financial services corporation headquartered in New York City as collateral agent in connection with the \$350 million senior secured notes and €315 million senior secured notes, both due in 2025.
- Counseled an asset management company and other private equity funds in connection with the refinancing of two tankers and four articulated tug barges operating in the coastwise trade (Jones Act) trade of the United States.
- Advised a tug and barge company on the financings of integrated tug and barge units for operation in the coastwise trade (Jones Act) trade of the United States on the Great Lakes.
- Advised a bank on the Marshall Islands and Liberian law aspects on the \$140.2 million Japanese Operating Lease with Call Option (JOLCO) in respect of two 325,000 dwt VLOC newbuildings.
- Guided a group of banks on a \$1 billion delivery financing of a semi-submersible deep-water production unit for operation in Brazil.
- Assisted a foreign investment fund in a dispute relating to the fund's investment in a Liberian corporation. Prepared an affidavit as an expert on Liberian corporate matters.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Finance lawyer nationwide (2007 – 2025)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Admiralty and Maritime Law (2018 – 2025)
- Listed in *Chambers Global* as a leading Shipping: Finance, Shipping lawyer (2011 – 2023)
- Listed in the "Hall of Fame" in *Legal 500 US*
- Selected by New York Super Lawyers (2020 – 2023)



Education

- Tulane University, J.D., 1989, cum laude
 - Managing Editor, *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*
- Dartmouth College, A.B., 1983, with honors



Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia
- Louisiana