



Transportation and Logistics Lawyer of the Year

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About Marie-Louise Skafte

Marie-Louise has 20 years of experience practicing law and is qualified in three countries (Canada, United States and England). She has had extensive international experience working as a General Counsel and in other in-house roles for organizations of various sizes. Marie-Louise is the founder of Skafte Global Law, P.A., a boutique law firm providing outside general counsel services. The firm caters primarily to companies with a global network who require the legal services of a general counsel as well as an executive management presence on an as-needed basis. This provides an innovative client service that is a cost effective alternative for an organization that may not require a full time in-house general counsel.

In addition, Marie-Louise has held various board and committee positions both for profit and non-profit organizations. She was a former Legislative and Regulatory Affairs committee member of the Canadian Courier and Logistics Association and was a featured legal luminary discussing the "Effects of Global Business" as well as diversity within the legal profession.

While Marie-Louise has worked in a variety of different industries, her legal career has been largely focused in the areas of transportation, marine container leasing, air express, freight forwarding and logistics. She is a practical, business and service minded lawyer who is adept at identifying key issues and working to find desirable solutions that align with the strategic goals of her clients.

Recent Notable Work

- Acted as company General Counsel and Global Head of Human Resources for the sale of a majority private equity owned marine container leasing company headquartered in Bermuda with operations in 18 countries to a competitor publicly traded in the People's Republic of China on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange – deal valued at just under \$1 billion.
- Acted as the representative company General Counsel for a Canadian company valued at \$2.2 billion for the sale of an air express domestic business line to a competitor publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange.
- Success in the establishment and maintenance of an inaugural legal department in Canada for a global company headquartered in Germany and operating in 220 countries.
- Current advisory work for a U.S. based consulting firm restructuring and expanding operations globally.

Professional Memberships

Marie-Louise is a member of The Law Society of England and Wales, The Law Society of Upper Canada, The Florida Bar, American Bar Association, Association of Corporate Counsel, Broward County Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, The State Bar of California (MJP), Canadian Bar Association, Ontario Bar Association, and the Canadian Transportation Lawyers Association.

