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OVERVIEW

Chandler D. Thornton is admitted to practice in Texas. He is not currently admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. He is supervised by a member of the DC Bar.

Chandler D. Thornton is an associate and member of the Public Policy and Law practice group within the firm's Policy and Regulatory practice. Chandler's practice encompasses a range of legal, policy, and regulatory matters, with a focus on maritime law and issues affecting clients in the global maritime, transportation, shipping, offshore, fisheries, logistics, and infrastructure sectors. His experience includes engagement with a wide array of stakeholders in government, industry, and the broader public policy community.

Prior to joining the firm, Chandler earned a certificate in maritime law and served on the executive board of the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*. Chandler remains active in several professional organizations, including as a member of the Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee (AMLC) of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (ABA-TIPS), the Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLAUS), and the Propeller Club of the Port of Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Chandler held an externship in the Office of the Chairman at the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC), where he assisted FMC leadership and staff on matters related to the regulation of the US international ocean transportation system. His additional experience includes internships with a federal judge on the US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans, with a marine transportation company specializing in Jones Act-qualified offshore supply vessels (OSVs) and multipurpose support vessels (MPSVs), and with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) at the US Department of the Treasury, where he supported US sanctions investigations involving foreign nationals, companies, and entities on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List). Chandler received the Bryce Harlow Foundation Award for his research on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and related requirements under US law.

Chandler previously held roles with a longtime member of the US House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and with public policy organizations focused on national security and defense issues. While serving two terms as national chairman of one of the nation's oldest, largest, and most active political organizations, he helped cultivate

and grow a bipartisan network of political leaders on US college campuses. He is a graduate of the European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute in Brussels, Belgium, studied maritime law in Rhodes, Greece, and earned certificates of advanced study in international arbitration, mediation, and negotiation in Berlin, Germany.

EDUCATION

- J.D. and Maritime Law Certificate, Tulane University Law School, 2026 (*Tulane Maritime Law Journal*, *Senior Student Advisory Editor*, and *Notes and Comments Editor*)
- M.P.A., American University, 2016
- B.A., American University, 2015

ADMISSIONS

- Admitted only as indicated below. Not admitted in the District of Columbia. Supervised by a member of the D.C. Bar.
- Bar of Texas

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law