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OVERVIEW

Emanuel (Manny) Rouvelas engages in a wide-ranging law and lobby practice representing leading companies and trade associations in transportation, telecommunications, high technology, hospitality, and manufacturing. For four decades, he has traveled globally to more than forty countries advising clients and working with U.S. administrations, Congresses, and American and foreign embassies and governments.

He is a founding member of both the public policy and maritime law practices of K&L Gates, each consistently ranked nationally as among the best, most effective, and highly regarded in the United States. Manny is personally ranked as one of the country's top lawyers in both maritime law and in government affairs by *Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers*, and *Legal 500*. In addition, in its 30th year anniversary edition, *Legal Times* newspaper recognized him as "one of the greatest Washington lawyers of the past 30 years," a "legal visionary," who helped turn Washington, D.C.'s legal and lobbying community into an international powerhouse. From 2005–2019 he has been named a "Top Lobbyist" by *The Hill* newspaper based on surveys of members of Congress and staff. In 2020 *Chambers USA* ranked him in the top band of three lawyers nationally in Government Relations and in the top band of five lawyers in Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Regulatory.

Prior to joining the firm, he was counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce and chief counsel to its Merchant Marine and Foreign Commerce Subcommittees, where he had lead staff responsibility for the enactment of thirty-two public laws. Included was major legislation relating to vessel construction and operation, oil spill prevention, vessel traffic systems, recreational boat safety, Coast Guard, and Maritime Administration programs.

Manny has served as an advisor to two U.S. presidential transitions, a bipartisan Congressional caucus, an executive branch reorganization, several senators and congressmen, and many political campaigns. In 2016 he served on the Bipartisan Policy Center's working group, "Selecting a Vice President: Balancing Politics and Prudence." An honors graduate of the University of Washington, Harvard Law School, and participant in the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School and the Program on Corporate Governance for Directors at Stanford Business School, Manny has long been committed to the importance of strong ethical governance in both the public and private sectors. He has taught, lectured, and counseled clients on governance issues. He has twenty years of experience serving on the boards of directors of three U.S. publicly traded companies and thirty years of service on the boards of directors of nonprofit charitable organizations, including

the American Architectural Foundation, Greater Washington Board of Trade, National Hellenic Society, Smithsonian National Zoological Park and Conservation Biology Institute, and *Washington Monthly* magazine. He is a lifetime trustee, former vice-chair of the board, and visiting professor at the American College of Greece in Athens.

His numerous professional, industry, and public service awards include the American Hellenic Institute's Heritage and National Public Service Award, United Seamen's Service Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award, and the Association of Government Relations Professionals (AGRP) Career Achievement Award.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1968 (*cum laude*)
- B.A., University of Washington, 1965 (*with honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Supreme Court of the United States

LANGUAGES

- Greek

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 2 December 2020, After the Election: What Can and Will Get Done? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 12 August 2020, Biden Proposals - The Big Picture (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 June 2020, The Essential Guide to the Jones Act (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 April 2020, COVID-19: Vessel Entry into U.S. Ports in the Age of a Pandemic (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 January 2020, Industry Predictions for 2020 From the Maritime Professionals at K&L Gates (*Alerts/Updates*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Offshore Energy Report 26," *The Maritime Executive*, March/April 2018
- "Pro Bono 2010: K&L Gates Turns on Water Works," *The AmLaw Daily*, 30 July 2010

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 24 June 2021, Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates Policy and Regulatory Practice Among Leaders in the 2021 United States Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 21 May 2021, K&L Gates Policy and Regulatory Practice, Lawyers Ranked Among Leaders in 2021 Chambers USA Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 19 August 2020, K&L Gates Mourns Passing of Longtime Of Counsel, Former U.S. Senator and Washington State Attorney General Slade Gorton (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)
- 25 June 2020, K&L Gates Practices and Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Legal 500 United States Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 6 June 2019, K&L Gates Earns Practice and Lawyer Recognitions in 2019 *Legal 500 United States Guide* (*Press Release*)
- 26 April 2019, Chambers USA 2019 Guide Ranks K&L Gates, Lawyers Among Leaders (*Press Release*)
- 23 June 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers USA 2016 Guide (*Press Release*)
- 20 May 2015, Chambers USA 2015 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates, Lawyers as Industry Leaders (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Maritime
- Maritime Regulatory
- Maritime Transactions and Finance
- U.S. Congressional Investigations