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Jim Wescoe represents motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, transportation intermediaries and third-party logistics providers and their insurers.

Before attending law school, Jim was an ocean marine claims adjuster and underwriter and has continued to represent maritime interests in maritime personal injury and property damage lawsuits. Jim also assists motor carriers, brokers and other intermediaries in drafting and reviewing contracts and conducting coverage analyses.

Jim has served as an expert in the field of federal regulations that apply to motor carriers, brokers, and other businesses in the trucking industry. He also assists motor carriers with Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) compliance issues, citations and regulatory disputes.

Jim is a frequent contributor to publications such as *The Transportation Lawyer*, the TIDA Newsletter and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association magazine, *PennTrux*.

In 2022, Jim was recognized by BTI Consulting Group as a Client Service All-Star. BTI Client Service All-Stars are selected based on unprompted feedback from top legal decision makers.

## Selected Cases

- *Paper Magic v. J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.* (U.S. Court of Appeals, 3d Circuit, 2005) (transportation)
- *Lewis v. Atlas Van Lines* (U.S. Supreme Court, 2008) (household goods cargo)
- *Daily Transport v. Maverick Transportation*, U.S.D.C., Middle District of PA, 2012) (cargo)
- *Pelletron v. C.H. Robinson Worldwide*, U.S.D.C., E.D.Pa., 2012

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## Industries

Transportation  
Insurance

## Practices

Commercial Transportation  
General Liability  
Litigation

## Education

Temple University, Academy of Advocacy, 2002

Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, J.D., 1998

American University, M.A., 1989

Temple University, B.A., 1987

## Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania  
New Jersey  
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## Court Admissions

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania  
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

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(broker liability)

- *Foam Fair v. J.K. Hackl Transportation, Inc.* (cargo damages)
- *Continental v. Quick Enterprises* (D.N.J., 2012) (broker liability)
- *Siaci St. Honore v. Ironbound Express, et al.*, S.D.N.Y., 2012 (cargo damages)
- *Royal SunAlliance Ins. Co. v. National Consolidation Services, Inc.*, et al, SNDY, 2011 (limitation of liability)

## Experience

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Obtained a dismissal of a lawsuit against a transportation broker in New Jersey state court where the shipper filed suit for cargo damages;
- Defended a large motor carrier in a \$2.9 million cargo claim filed by a foreign manufacturer in San Diego, California.
- Resolved a rear-end collision case involving the death of the claimant in the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts.
- Negotiated the settlement of a multi-party lawsuit involving more than fifty vehicles, with six decedents and dozens of personal injury claimants arising from a snow-related pile up accident on Interstate 80 in northern Pennsylvania.

## Professional & Community Involvement

Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA), Cargo Claims Committee Chair

Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA), 2020 Annual Conference Education Program Committee, Member

Conference of Freight Counsel, Member

Traffic Club of Philadelphia, Member

Maritime Law Association of the United States, Member

Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Network, Chapter 750, Member

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York  
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York  
United States District Court for the Western District of New York  
United States District Court for the Northern District of New York  
United States District Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
United States District Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
United States Supreme Court