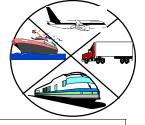
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Deregulation Digression: Shippers In the Limelight

veryone who was born on planet Earth, which includes most of us (we all have suspicions about certain persons) know that deregulation is the popular and trendy buzzword of the day. Everything is being deregulated, from transportation to Some even urge the utilities. legalization of many drugs, which would be a clear form of deregulation. So who would ever Only someone buck that trend? detached from reality, right? And where can such a group be found? In our nation's capitol, of course.

Our federal regulators, the nonelected variety, are currently getting a rulemaking proceeding underway regarding hours-ofservice rules. One of the topics is whether shippers and receivers should be regulated. Our other variety of federal regulators, the elected senators and congressional representatives, are putting the finishing touches on the longdelayed overweight container rules (Rollin' On, May 1995). These new laws would also control the actions of shippers. Congress already reregulated freight forwarders through the ICC Termination Act of And other controls have previously been placed on shippers, such as the shipping of hazardous materials.

Now I should mention that notwithstanding my light-hearted comments above about our Washington friends, I do not express an opinion as to whether these new regulations concerning shippers are war-

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ranted. Rather, the point is that whereas the carriers have been in the political fishbowl, we now have a new segment of the transportation industry under scrutiny. How long will that last, and who will be next?

Looking for Lawyers: Where to Start (or, how much more fun can a person have?)

High on everyone's short list of exciting things to do is to look for a lawyer, especially when you are not the one who has initiated whatever legal action or threat that is currently facing you. If you do not know a lawyer, or a lawyer who handles the type of problem now before you, you are confronted with the prospect of finding, and paying, someone who later turns out not to have been the right choice. What do you do?

Feel free to give me a call, without any cost or expense to you. I know several lawyers who do varying types of work, and I may be able to give you a name or at least point you in the right direction.

And what's in it for me? The hope that when you need a lawyer, my name will be the first to come to mind. I would devote my time to achieve that purpose.

We all know the saying: You get what you pay for. So why bother to call me first? You would only lose the amount of time it took to call. My calls are not screened, and I make it a practice to return calls as soon as

possible, almost always by the end of the same day. You can always undertake a search on your own, which I would certainly encourage you to do. Then with your homework done you can make a choice from a wider selection.

Whatever you do, you should not delay in obtaining a lawyer if you find yourself in a legal predicament. The shorter the time you allow the lawyer for time and reflection, the more difficult it can be for you. So give me a call, whether from an initiating or responding position.

Coming To A Theater Near You: Course Study for Freight Claims and International Transportation Management

Well, not a theater perhaps but finally there is now locally available, through a respected university, classes regarding transportation topics such as freight claims and international transportation management. Washington State University, through its Clark County campus, is offering courses in these areas. For more information call WSU at (360) 546-9584.

That's all for now. To shippers, carriers, agents and other third parties, keep the cargo rollin'!!



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