



|| Transportation Law

The profitable movement of freight can be summed up pretty simply. It means having the right things in the right places at the right times.

Foster Swift's transportation law clients will tell you that it also helps to have lawyers who are actively involved in the transportation industry. Lawyers who know them, their businesses and their problems, especially their transition from a highly regulated market to a freely competitive one.

These clients include...

- Motor, rail, air and passenger carriers
- Logistics providers
- Trade associations
- Private fleet operators, and
- Shipper interests

Our clients come in all shapes and sizes. They do business in Michigan, the Midwest and from coast to coast and range from small, family-run operations to large, privately-held and publicly-owned and publicly-traded North American transportation concerns.

Transportation businesses benefit from our years of first-hand industry experience, including...

- Precedent-setting litigation, including accident defense
- Freight claim disputes, employment and personnel leasing issues, liability-negligence actions and insurance coverage issues
- Safety audits and complaint proceedings United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aeronautics Administration, and Public Service Commission
- Challenges to state and local governmental regulations of interstate commerce
- Actions claiming violations of local and state highway regulations, including truck weight issues
- Regulatory applications for the Federal Highway Administration and Michigan Public Service Commission

ATTORNEYS

Shareholder

Dirk H. Beckwith

Robert E. McFarland

Paul J. Millenbach

Thomas R. TerMaat



- Legislative analysis, assistance and testimony
- Tax-fee disputes against governmental units

The firm's transportation lawyers were front-and—center in a landmark court case for the industry. They successfully challenged the State of Michigan on behalf of a large group of motor carriers who were required to pay excess registration/plate fees. They represented these motor carriers in courts throughout the state, winning the case against state, which was affirmed by the court of appeals in 2009.

Transportation is an industry where time is money. It makes sense to have a law firm that offers just-in-time solutions, backed up by years of practical experience, the latest technology and a timeless appreciation for hard work, reasonable prices and treating clients the way we want to be treated ourselves.

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Court of Appeals Interprets Overweight Truck Law, *Foster Swift Transpost E-News*, December 3, 2010

No-Fault Insurers Must Strictly Comply with Statute Requiring Warning Language for Named Driver Exclusion, *Foster Swift No-Fault E-News*, March 25, 2010

Michigan Trailer Plate Update, *Foster Swift Transpost*, June 2009

Overweight Trucks, *Foster Swift Construction Law News*, June 2009

Interstate Versus Intrastate, *Foster Swift Transpost*, February 2009

Hill v L.F. Transportation, *Foster Swift General Litigation E-News*, January 17, 2008

NEWS

Beckwith elected First Vice President of the Transportation Lawyers Association and Editor of "The Transportation Lawyer", May 2011

Millenbach Addresses International Shipping Issues at Port Lansing Logistics Conference, November 10, 2010

Governor Granholm appoints Paul J. Millenbach to Michigan Truck Safety Commission, July 8, 2010

Foster Swift Elects Paul J. Millenbach to Firm's Executive Committee, February 12, 2010

EVENTS

What Every Motor Carrier Should Know about Defending Cargo Claims, *Michigan Trucking Association's 2012 Truck Exposition and Safety Symposium*, February 14, 2012

E-Discovery, Electronically Stored Information (ESI), and Evidence Preservation: Key Considerations and Defense Strategies Specific to Trucking Litigation, *American Conference Institute's 2nd National Forum on Defending and Managing Trucking Litigation*, December 5, 2011

Colonel Mustard, in the Library, with the Wrench: Looking for Clues in Cargo Claims, *Transportation Law Association*, January 21, 2011

Mistakes to Avoid when Doing International Business, *Port Lansing 2010 Global Logistics Conference*, November 10, 2010



Living with CSA 2010: Crash Accountability & Section 329 Violations, *2010 Arkansas Trucking Seminar*,
September 16, 2010

Understanding the Tariff, *Michigan Movers Association*, March 2010

Transportation and Logistics: Ensuring Your Products Reach Your Customer and Greening the Supply Chain,
Trade North America - U.S. Department of Commerce - Commercial Service, September 2009

An Employer's Perspective - How to Deal with Leave Laws in the United States, *Transportation Lawyers
Association*, May 2009

Panel Moderator, "Use of Class Actions in the Transportation Industry", *Transportation Lawyers Association*,
Spring 2009

Public Act 33, *Michigan Movers Association*, September 2007
