The Scopelitis firm has a long history of assisting its international transportation and logistics clients in a wide array of matters, such as obtaining appropriate licenses and registrations necessary for international operations and the review of contracts and other transactional documentation, including drafting of air waybills, multi-modal bills of lading, and standard trading conditions. The firm routinely counsels clients in international trade compliance, legal due diligence required in connection with acquisitions and other business relationships, freight charge and cargo disputes, and the identification and coordination of foreign legal advisors where expert local professional assistance is needed.

Members of the firm’s international practice group have experience handling transactions involving more than 100 countries. In addition, the Scopelitis firm has long-standing relationships with other highly qualified lawyers in many parts of the world, as well as the ability to call upon nearly 300 legal and accounting firms as a result of its membership in The TAG Alliances, a worldwide professional network of law firms and accountants.

Our experience in a wide range of international transportation areas include the following:

International Trade Compliance

- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA")
- Anti-Boycott Rules
- Federal Trade Regulations ("FTR")
- Economic Sanctions
- Money Laundering Regulations ("OFAC")
- U.S. Customs, including the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism ("C-TPAT") program
- Customs Bonded Carrier, Bonded Warehouse, Container Freight Station and Foreign Trade Zone Issues
- Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC")

U.S. Licensing

- Transportation Security Administration ("TSA")
- NVOCC/Ocean Freight Forwarders ("FMC")
- International Air Transport Association ("IATA") and Cargo Network Services ("CNS")
- International Trafficking in Arms and Munitions ("ITAR")
- Export Administration Regulations ("EAR")
- Foreign Indirect Air Carrier/Foreign Air Freight Forwarder Registrations

Air Cargo Security

- TSA Indirect Air Carrier ("IAC")/Certified Cargo Screening Facility ("CCSF") Certification, Audits and Enforcement
- SAFETY Act Designation and Certification

Dangerous Goods/HazMat Compliance
Compliance audits
Investigations
Penalty actions.

International Commercial Transactions
- International Contracts of Carriage
- Multi-modal Bills of Lading
- Global Standard Trading Conditions
- Foreign Agency and Intermediary Due Diligence and Agreements
- Trans-border Agreements
- Project Cargo
- Warehouse and Distribution Agreements

Insurance/Risk Management
- Risk identification
- Review of Existing Policies
- Insurance Licensing
- Captive Insurance Companies

International Freight and Cargo Claims
- Cargo Loss and Damage Claims
- U.S. and Foreign Debt Collections
- Overcharge-Undercharge Claims
- Executing Liens
- Bill of Lading/Cargo Release Disputes
- Letters of Indemnity
- Foreign agent dispute resolution

Mergers & Acquisitions
- Legal Due Diligence
- U.S. Regulatory Compliance
- Local Counsel Selection and Management