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OVERVIEW

Serena represents clients in maritime and ocean law matters, as well as general international trade issues.

Serena represents ocean carriers, marine terminal operators, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), and other shipping and trade stakeholders in matters related to containerized ocean vessel transit and port operations. A former Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) attorney, she advises on FMC regulations, shipping restrictions, and licensing requirements for OTIs. Serena is well-versed in detention and demurrage issues and applying the Shipping Act and Ocean Shipping Reform Act to protect clients. In addition to her maritime law work, she also offers counsel on international trade regulations, customs matters, tariffs, and export controls.

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, Serena litigated precedential cases with millions of dollars at stake as a trial attorney at the FMC. She also clerked at the U.S. Court of International Trade and gained insight into the real-world impact of trade policy on the nation's imported goods. Serena's previous jobs also enforced the importance of trade and shipping to daily life. At the beginning of her legal career, Serena clerked in Sitka, Alaska where she saw firsthand how Americans depend on shipping and imports for everyday needs. And prior to law school, she was employed as a cheesemonger, where she worked with cheese importers and regularly dealt with importers and FDA restrictions on food imports—giving her a personal understanding of the impact trade matters can have on clients' businesses.

Industry

Transportation

Services

Customs

Evasion & Circumvention

Export Controls & Economic
Sanctions

Intermediaries

International Trade & Supply Chain

Ocean Law

Supply Chain Logistics

Warehousing & Ports

Serena joined Husch Blackwell's International Trade & Supply Chain team in 2025, drawn by the opportunity to focus on client needs and to build a full-service trade practice. She is known for her ability to make complex legal issues simple, both for clients and in the courtroom. With a practical approach and a commitment to helping businesses move forward, Serena works to find solutions and get results.

Experience

- On behalf of the government, litigated proceedings involving multiple ocean transportation industry stakeholders e.g. shippers, vessel operators, motor carriers etc., resulting in multi-million-dollar civil penalties.
- Defended Federal Maritime Commission decisions and actions regarding licensing revocations or rejections.
- Advised on Federal Maritime Commission rule makings, investigation strategies, and regulatory compliance.

Education

- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- J.D., Vermont Law School
 - *Vermont Law Review*
- B.A., American University

Admissions

- Alaska
- New York
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, District of Alaska

Application to practice in the District of Columbia pending; practice limited pursuant to D.C. App R. 49(c)(8), with supervision by Cortney Morgan, member of the D.C. Bar.

Clerkships

- Honorable Michael Jude Pate, Alaska Trial Court
- Honorable Jennifer Choe-Groves, Court of International Trade

Community Leadership

Serena volunteers with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Education Fund, where she is a former board member. The organization provides scholarships for first generation and public interest law students and hosts mentorship events. Serena is also an active part of the philanthropy arm of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of DC.

She also volunteers with various community garden initiatives, as well as DC Central Kitchen.