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PRACTICES

International Litigation

Maritime & Land Boundary Disputes

Law of the Sea

EDUCATION

Duke Law, LL.M., Public International Law, *cum laude,* 2006

Duke Law, J.D., *cum laude,* 2006

University of Washington, Master of Marine Affairs, 1998

Duke University, B.A., *magna cum laude,* 1991

LANGUAGES

English
Spanish

BAR ADMISSIONS

North Carolina

Coalter Lathrop delivers a unique combination of international legal expertise and cartographic skills to support his boundary clients at the negotiating table and before the bench. He is among an elite group of lawyers who have litigated before the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and his technical expertise and deep specialization set him apart from others in the field of public international law.

Lathrop has represented and advised sovereign states in land and maritime boundary disputes and provided negotiation support and advice on related issues to governments and private interests in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and North and South America. He has published and presented extensively on the law of the sea, the Arctic, island sovereignty, and maritime boundaries. He serves as the editor of *International Maritime Boundaries* and has taught advanced international law courses at Duke Law.

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

Bolivia v. Chile (Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean). Adviser to Chile (2014 to present) in case before the International Court of Justice concerning Bolivian access to the Pacific Ocean.

Costa Rica v. Nicaragua (Maritime Delimitation in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean). Counsel to Costa Rica (2013 to present) in case before the International Court of Justice concerning the delimitation of maritime boundaries on both sides of the Central American isthmus.

Peru v. Chile (Maritime Dispute). Adviser to Chile (2012-2014) in case before the International Court of Justice concerning the delimitation of a maritime boundary in the Pacific Ocean.

Bangladesh/Myanmar (Maritime Delimitation). Counsel to Myanmar (2011-2012) in case before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea concerning the delimitation of a maritime boundary in the Bay of Bengal.

Nicaragua v. Colombia (Territorial and Maritime Dispute). Lead Counsel to Costa Rica (2009-2011) in case before the International Court of Justice concerning an application to intervene.

Guyana/Suriname (Maritime Delimitation). Adviser to Suriname (2005-2007) in case before an Annex VII arbitral tribunal concerning the delimitation of a maritime boundary in the Atlantic Ocean.

Cameroon v. Nigeria: Equatorial Guinea intervening (Land and Maritime Boundary). Adviser to Equatorial Guinea (1999-2002) in case before the International Court of Justice concerning an application to intervene with respect to a maritime delimitation in the Gulf of Guinea.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Baselines, in Oxford Handbook on the Law of the Sea 69 (Don Rothwell *et al.* eds., 2015).

Why Litigate A Maritime Boundary? Some Contributing Factors, in Litigating International Disputes: Weighing the Options 230 (Natalie Klein ed., 2014).

Continental Shelf Delimitation Issues beyond 200 Nautical Miles, in 6 International Maritime Boundaries 4119, 4139 (David A. Colson & Robert W. Smith eds., 2011).

Dispute Regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua), 104 Am. J. Int'l L. 454 (2010).

Abyei Arbitration (Sudan/Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army), 104 Am. J. Int'l L. 66 (2010).

Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Rom. v. Ukr.), 103 Am. J. Int'l L. 543 (2009).

Finding the Right Fit: One Design Element in the International Groundwater Management Regime, 19 Duke J. Comp. & Int'l L. 413 (2009).

Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malay./Sing.), 102 Am. J. Int'l L. 828 (2008).

Territorial and Maritime Dispute between Nicaragua and Honduras in the Caribbean Sea (Nicar. v. Hond.), 102 Am. J. Int'l L. 113 (2008).

Tripoint Issues in Maritime Boundary Delimitation, in 5 International Maritime Boundaries 3199, 3305 (David A. Colson & Robert W. Smith eds., 2005).

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Maritime Jurisdiction in the Arctic, K&L Gates Arctic Development Event, Washington, DC (Oct 2015).

Islands in International Maritime Delimitation, North Carolina Bar Association, Charlotte, NC (Dec 2014).

Arctic Shipping: Opportunities for US-Canada Cooperation, ArcticNet, Ottawa, Canada (Dec 2014).

Arctic Maritime Boundary Delimitation, IIA/CAPS University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland (Oct 2014).

Baselines and Coastal Change: Creating Stability or Adding to the Chaos, ABILA, New York, NY (Oct 2014).

'Disputes' before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, ILA/ASIL, Washington, DC (Apr 2014).

Legal Aspects of the Continental Shelf Outer Limits, Japan Hydrographic Association, Tokyo, Japan (Mar 2014).

Maritime Delimitation Case Law, IFLOS Summer Academy, Hamburg, Germany (July 2013).

South China Sea Territorial Disputes, Columbia Law School, New York, NY (Nov 2012).

Evidence in Boundary Dispute Resolution, International Boundary Research Unit, Durham, UK (Apr 2012).

Resolving Outstanding Arctic Issues, ArcticNet, Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada (Mar 2012).