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**JONES ACT**

The Jones Act (officially, The Merchant Marine Act of 1920) governs the workers' compensation rights of sailors and the use of foreign vessels in domestic trade. As our firm has grown, some of our attorneys have developed a practice related to the Jones Act and the specific issues surrounding the law. By way of example, injured seamen are entitled to maintenance and cure, meaning that the sailor's employer must pay him or her a daily stipend and provide medical care to treat the injury. In addition, sailors can also sue for damages if their injuries were caused by negligence on the part of the ship's owners or other crew members, or if they sailed on unseaworthy vessels.

Our attorneys can address the multi-faceted aspects of the Jones Act to protect our clients against such claims.