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"Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Amplifies Jones Act Scrutiny"

Daniel Knight quoted in Law360 Article on "Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Amplifies Jones Act Scrutiny"

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In a recent Law360 article, Daniel Knight, a Houston-based shareholder in Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Admiralty & Maritime and Litigation practices, discusses the Jones Act's impact, including the availability of waivers, on the relief efforts for Hurricane Fiona-affected Puerto Rico.

"Recently, history tells us waivers are usually granted for natural disasters, such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017, Katrina and Rita in 2005, and Superstorm Sandy in 2012," said Knight. "The problem is waivers are usually only for a short period, and the bureaucratic delays inherent in multiple government agencies reviewing the proposal can be viewed as an unnecessary delay."

Knight further explained that "only a small window exists when goods or petroleum products can be delivered. Given the delays in loading and unloading ships caused by the pandemic and other supply-chain difficulties, this window of operation is even tighter than in prior instances of natural disaster waiver requests."

To learn more, read the full article here.

