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CCPAC established in 1981 is a nonprofit organization that seeks to raise the professional standards of individuals who specialize in the administration and negotiation of freight claims.



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## Message from the Executive Director of TLC

### **WELCOME TO THE TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTIC COUNCIL'S 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE!**

The world of transportation and logistics is constantly changing, with new laws, new regulations, new technology - and new problems that face transportation professionals. Whether you are an "old timer" or a neophyte just starting in the industry, there is much to learn and know about the ever-changing business of transportation.

The proverb "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" goes back to Alexander Pope in 1709 - but it is equally valid more than 300 years later. That's why the mission of the Council is to educate transportation professionals and, for over 50 years, the Council has been recognized as the premier educational organization in the industry with our annual conferences, seminars, virtual workshops, texts and materials.

As you can see, this 52nd Annual Conference lives up to its name, "Education for Transportation Professionals", with coverage of all modes of transportation and addressing a wide range of topics. We have assembled an impressive list of speakers and presenters for the educational sessions, including top experts and experienced practitioners who can give you practical information and advice that you can take back and use in your everyday business.

I believe you will leave this Conference not only with some valuable knowledge that will benefit you in your work, but also with an enjoyable experience networking with other transportation professionals, as well as making new friends or catching up with old ones. And, if you are not already a member of the Council, I sincerely hope that you will consider the benefits of joining this fine organization.

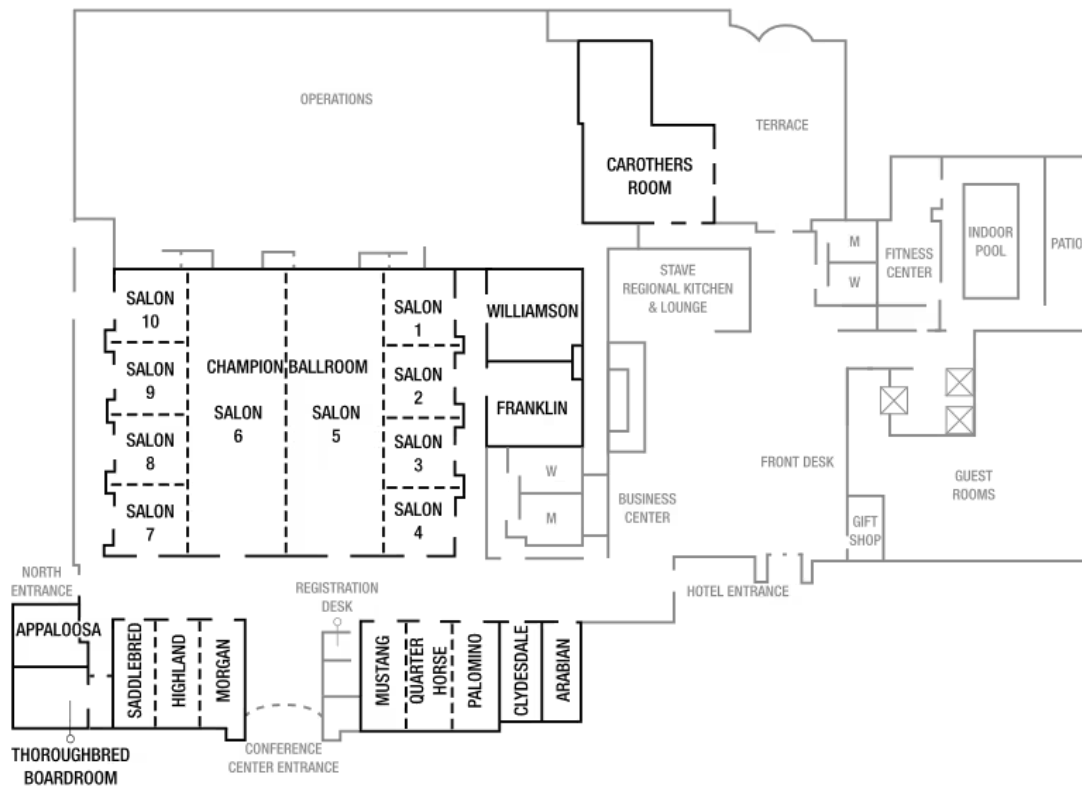
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**GEORGE CARL PEZOLD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TLC**

# FRANKLIN MARRIOTT COOL SPRINGS



## MEETING ROOM



## **Room Location of Events and Meetings**

### **REGISTRATION**

BALLROOM: FOYER



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### **MEETINGS**

ALL SESSIONS:  
BALLROOM – SALON 6



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### **EXHIBITS (Breaks & Breakfast)**

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### **LUNCHESES**

BALLROOM – SALON'S 7-10



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### **DINNER**

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

7:30AM-5:00PM	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	➔ <b>BALLROOM FOYER</b>
8:30AM-9:00AM	<u>PRE-MEETING BREAKFAST</u>	➔ <b>BALLROOM FOYER</b>
9:00AM-5:00PM	<u>OPTIONAL SEMINARS</u>	
	<b>I. CONTRACTING FOR TRANSPORTATION &amp; LOGISTICS SERVICES</b>	➔ <b>SADDLEBRED</b>
	<i>Presented by Raymond A. Selvaggio, Esq.</i>	
	An intensive workshop on the practical and legal aspects of contracting for both purchasers and providers of transportation and logistics services. Includes a review of important legal principles, statutes, regulations and a “walk through” and in-depth discussion of actual contract provisions, terms and conditions.	
	<b>II. FREIGHT CLAIMS IN PLAIN ENGLISH</b>	➔ <b>HIGHLAND</b>
	<i>Presented by Gerard F. Smith, Esq.</i>	
	Based on the recently published 4 <sup>th</sup> edition of the text by George Carl Pezold & William J. Augello, this session covers basics of carrier liability, bills of lading, burdens of proof, defenses, damages, limitations of liability, time limits, liability of freight forwarders, intermediaries, warehousemen, air and ocean carriers.	
	<b>III. TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS AND THE LAW</b>	➔ <b>MORGAN</b>
	<i>Presented by Andrew M. Danas, Partner</i>	
	This unique one-day course based upon Bill Augello’s landmark text is designed to provide a basic working knowledge of the laws and regulations affecting the supply chain and governing the relationships between the parties ---- shippers, carriers, and intermediaries. This is the vital information you need for minimizing risks and protecting revenues for your organization and for your own individual professional growth.	
10:00AM-10:30AM	<b>MID-MORNING BREAK</b>	➔ <b>BALLROOM FOYER</b>
12:00PM-1:00PM	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	➔ <b>BALLROOM FOYER</b>
3:00PM-3:30PM	<b>MID-AFTERNOON BREAK</b>	➔ <b>BALLROOM FOYER</b>

## **MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

<b>7:30AM-5:00PM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>7:30AM-5:00PM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>9:00AM-11:00AM</b>	<b><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS</u></b> Transportation & Logistics Council, Inc. Board of Directors	<b>➔ APPALOOSA</b>
<b>1:00PM-2:00PM</b>	<b><u>SESSION 1</u></b>  <b><u>THE NEXT HORIZON: SHAPING LOGISTICS IN 2026 &amp; BEYOND</u></b>  A forward-looking overview of the economic trends, market dynamics, and supply chain shifts that will define the logistics' industry in 2026. This session highlights the key indicators to watch and the opportunities emerging as the market evolves.  <b><u>PRESENTER:</u></b> Chris Johnson, CFA, Senior Research Analyst, Cleveland Research	<b>➔ BALLROOM SALON 6</b>
<b>2:05PM-3:05PM</b>	<b><u>SESSION 2</u></b>  <b><u>FREIGHT CLAIMS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY</u></b>  A seasoned team of cargo claims professionals will break down the fundamentals of claims handling ("The Good"), explore strategies for evaluating and rebutting denied claims ("The Bad"), and tackle the complexities of theft and fraud-related losses ("The Ugly"). A high-value session you won't want to miss.  <b><u>MODERATOR:</u></b> Carla Bay Rumford, CCP, Senior Operations Support Manager, BM2 Freight Services  <b><u>PANELISTS:</u></b> Christine Gramse, CCP, Transportation Claims and Audit Specialist, Land O'Lakes, Inc. Jessica Renner, CCP, Cargo Claims & Risk Manager, Jarret Logistics Deena Walechka, CCP, Claims Specialist II, FedEx Custom Critical	<b>➔ BALLROOM SALON 6</b>
<b>3:05PM-3:30PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 (CONT'D)**

**3:30PM -5:00PM**    **SESSION 3**

**➔ BALLROOM SALON 6**

**LAW OF THE LAND, LAW OF THE JUNGLE**

Back by popular demand! In this dynamic session, legal experts explain the rules while seasoned business leaders reveal what actually happens in the real world. It's where theory meets reality — and sparks fly!

**MODERATOR:**    Gerard F. Smith, Esq., Pezold, Smith, Hirschmann & Selvaggio LLC

**PANELISTS:**    Ed A. Caruso, President, Lakeshore Logistics, Inc.  
Ronald M. Liebman, Partner, McCarter & English, LLP  
Richard Rathbun, CCP, Corporate Cargo Claims, Allen Lund Company  
Jessica Renner, CCP, Cargo Claims & Risk Manager, Jarret Logistics  
Colton Sadler, Chief Legal Officer, Steam Logistics  
Deena Walechka, CCP, Claims Specialist II, FedEx Custom Critical

**5:15PM-6:15PM**    **CCPAC ANNUAL MEETING**

**➔ BALLROOM SALON 6**

All CCPAC Members and those desiring more information about becoming a CCPAC member are invited to attend the annual business meeting. Officers will be elected followed by announcements, awards, new or old business, followed with a drawing for door prizes. CCP's attending this meeting will earn 5 additional CEU's toward their continuing education credits.

**6:00PM-8:00PM**    **WELCOME RECEPTION**

**➔ BALLROOM FOYER**

All attendees are welcome to join us for complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine — a chance to kick back and relax, meet TLC Board members and staff, reconnect with old friends, make new friends, network with fellow transportation professionals, and visit with our Exhibitors.

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**

<b>7:30AM-8:30AM</b>	<b>PRE-MEETING BREAKFAST</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>7:30AM-5:00PM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>7:30AM-5:00PM</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>8:30AM-9:25AM</b>	<b><u>SESSION 4</u></b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM SALON 6</b>

**STRATEGIC CARGO THEFT & FRAUD 2.0: ADAPTING TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN THREATS**

In 2026, cargo theft is no longer just about doors being kicked in. Sophisticated criminal operations now use data, deception, and digital manipulation to loot the supply chain. From fictitious pick-ups and carrier impersonation to AI-assisted fraud and cyber-enabled heists, this panel brings together industry, technology, and law enforcement voices to:

- Dissect the evolving playbook of cargo criminals
- Reveal how identity, system, and data vulnerabilities are weaponized
- Showcase methods to detect, disrupt, and respond to theft and fraud events in real time
- Explore public/private levers to improve prosecution and deterrence
- Anticipate what's next—how the industry can stay ahead of domestic and international theft rings

**MODERATOR:** Keith Lewis, VP of Operations, CargoNet

**PANELISTS:** Craig Parker, Senior Director, Head of Security / Americas, GEODIS  
Danielle Spinelli, Director of Partnerships, GenLogs  
Matt Wise, Kentucky State Police – Cargo Theft Division

<b>9:30AM-10:25AM</b>	<b><u>SESSION 5</u></b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM SALON 6</b>
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**CARRIER METRICS & THE CONNECTION TO CARRIERS, BROKERS, FINANCE & LEADERSHIP**

This presentation for shippers, carriers, and brokers will focus on fostering transparency and collaboration across our transportation networks both international and domestic. The panel will highlight key performance indicators and demonstrate how these metrics drive overall supply chain efficiency and cost control. Attendees will gain insight into how data is collected, analyzed, and used to benchmark performance and identify areas of improvement. Discussions will include how key performance metrics will impact freight costs and transportation budgets. The session will encourage open discussion on best practices, technology integration, and communication between all parties. The presentation's goal is to align shippers, carriers, and brokers around shared goals of reliability, cost control, and continuous improvement in transportation performance.

**MODERATOR:** Jerrod Slaughter, Sr. Director, Global Logistics, KEEN Inc.

**PANELISTS:** Darryl Gash, Corporate Logistics Manager, Dillard's  
Greg Williams, VP, Enterprise Sales, U.S. Xpress

<b>10:25AM-10:45AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
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## TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 (CONT'D)

10:45AM-11:40AM SESSION 6

➔ **BALLROOM SALON 6**

### SUPPLY CHAINS ON THE GREEN TRACK: INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY INTO LOGISTICS

This session shows how transportation leaders can embed sustainability into logistics without sacrificing efficiency or profitability. Learn practical strategies to cut carbon emissions, optimize routes, and adopt green technologies, while fostering supplier collaboration. Walk away with actionable steps to align operational excellence with environmental stewardship and position your organization as a leader in sustainable logistics.

**MODERATOR:** Jeffrey L. Meyer, Sr. Manager Transportation, Nestle Purina PetCare Co.

**PANELISTS:** Jessica Himmelreich, Sustainability Supply Chain Leader  
Geoffrey Muessig, Executive Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer, Pitt Ohio

12:00PM-1:30PM

### LUNCHEON

➔ **BALLROOM SALONS 7-10**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Chris Matthew, Founder & CEO, OpSec Intel

1:30PM-3:00PM

### SESSION 7

➔ **BALLROOM SALON 6**

### MOCK TRIAL - PHARMA ON THE LINE: LIABILITY FOR TEMPERATURE EXCURSION

This mock trial features a live courtroom simulation of a pharmaceutical cargo claim caused by an alleged temperature excursion brought by “VitalPharma” against “RapidTrans Logistics.” Attorneys will present evidence, examine witnesses, and argue liability, contract obligations, and risk management, while the Attendees in the audience act as the jury. The session provides a real-world scenario demonstrating how claims are investigated, managed, and resolved in the complex world of pharmaceutical logistics, while giving the audience a hands-on experience in evaluating the case and reaching a verdict.

**PRESIDING JUDGE:** The Honorable Gerald Smith, Esq.

#### **PLAINTIFF/CLAIMANT - VITALPHARMA:**

- *Plaintiff's Attorney:* Madeline Fuller, General Counsel, Jarrett Logistics
- *Dr. Emily Harper*, QA Director, VitalPharma . . . . (***Played by:*** Danielle Spinelli, Director of Partnerships, GenLogs)
- *Mr. Paul Sanchez*, Shipping Coordinator, VitalPharma . . . . (***Played by:*** Tim Tasch – Final Mile & Cargo Claims, HUB Group)

#### **DEFENDANT/CARRIER – RAPIDTRANS LOGISTICS:**

- *Defendant's Attorney:* Jayne Bart-Plange, Partner, Transportation & Commercial Litigation, Burke Warren MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
- *Mrs. Jane Cole*, Operations Manager, RapidTrans Logistics . . . . (***Played by:*** Gayle Murray-Kirby, Corporate Credit & Claims Manager, Perimeter Global Logistics)
- *Ms. Laura Bennett*, Lead Driver on Shipment, RapidTrans Logistics . . . . (***Played by:*** Robyn Frank, CCP, Claims Manager, Syfan Logistics)

#### **NON-PARTY WITNESS:**

- *Ms. Lori Canada*, Warehouse Manager, HealthPlus Distribution . . . . (***Played by:*** Cynthia Ceccolini, Director, Carrier Development & Relationships, C.A.T. Global, Inc.)

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 (CONT'D)

3:00PM-3:20PM

**BREAK**

➔ **BALLROOM FOYER**

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3:20PM-4:15PM

**SESSION 8**

➔ **BALLROOM SALON 6**

### **ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETING**

The Annual Membership Meeting serves as an important opportunity for members to meet the Council’s “management team”, hear what we are doing to fulfill our mission “Education for Transportation Professionals”, and an open forum to let us know how we can better serve the interests and needs our members. It is open to all registrants and will feature reports from the Executive Director, President, and General Counsel, offering updates on key initiatives, governance matters, and organizational priorities. Additional highlights include reports from TAB and CCPAC, remarks from the incoming President, the presentation of awards recognizing outstanding contributions, and important announcements for the membership. All registrants are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting.

4:15PM-5:00PM

**SESSION 9**

➔ **BALLROOM SALON 6**

### **MEET THE EXPERTS**

Do you have a challenge that’s been stumping you or a question you’ve been dying to ask? This is your chance!

Join our **Meet the Experts** session for a **personal one-on-one consultation** with some of the brightest minds in the transportation industry. Get tailored advice, practical solutions, and insider insights — all in a focused **10–15 minute session** with the presenter or panelist of your choice. Don’t miss this exclusive opportunity to connect, learn, and level up your knowledge. **Sign up at the registration table to reserve your spot!**

#### **COORDINATOR:**

Nadia Martin, CCP, Claims & Compliance Manager, Blakeman Transportation

6:30PM-9:30PM

**PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION DINNER**

➔ **CAROTHERS ROOM & TERRACE**

Tonight’s bar is sponsored by Trans Audit



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**

<b>7:30AM-8:30AM</b>	<b><u>PRE-MEETING BREAKFAST</u></b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>7:30AM-10:00AM</b>	<b><u>REGISTRATION</u></b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
<b>8:30AM-9:25AM</b>	<b><u>SESSION 10</u></b>	<b>➔ BALLROOMSALON 6</b>

**THE TARIFF TANGO: STAYING IN STEP WITH COMPLIANCE AND COSTS**

Tariffs continue to shape the global supply chain dance – and one misstep can be costly. This session provides expertise to help you stay agile amid shifting tariff regulations, evolving trade policies, and unpredictable costs. Learn how to balance compliance obligations with operational efficiency, mitigate financial risk, and keep your supply chain moving in rhythm. Whether you’re managing imports, exports, or third-party logistics, you’ll walk away with practical insights to ensure your organization doesn’t miss a beat in today’s fast-changing tariff environment.

**MODERATOR:** Jerrod Slaughter, Sr. Director, Global Logistics, KEEN Inc.

**PANELIST:** Benjamin Crawford, Director of Materials, Essex Solutions  
Andrew Danas, Partner, Grove, Jaskiewicz and Cobert, LLP  
Stephanie Johnson, Director of CHB Commercial Development, ASF

<b>9:30AM-10:25AM</b>	<b><u>SESSION 11</u></b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM SALON 6</b>
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**FOOD TRANSPORTATION**

This session will explain “best practices” for shippers, brokers and carriers

- Processing and storage facilities procedures
- Temperature records
- Temperature requirements for perishables and frozen products
- BOL’s - description, temperature requirements, seal numbers
- Transportation – Carrier selection, proper equipment, loading procedures -
- Federal & State Regulations

**MODERATOR:** Carla Bay Rumford, CCP, Sr. Operations Support Manager, BM2 Freight Services

**PANELISTS:** Michael Carlisle, Sr. Director, Logistics Operations, United States Cold Storage  
Christine Gramse, CCP, Transportation Claims and Audit Specialist,  
Land O’Lakes, Inc.  
Tracy Olson, CCP, Director of Cargo Claims and Asset Intelligence,  
Marten Transport, LTD.

<b>10:25AM-10:45AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>➔ BALLROOM FOYER</b>
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026(CONT'D)**

10:45AM-11:45AM

**SESSION 12**

➔ ***BALLROOM SALON 6***

**WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON (Laws, Regulations, SCOTUS)**

Transportation policy is moving quickly in Washington, with major implications for brokers, carriers, and the supply chain. This session will cover key developments around F4A, the upcoming transportation reauthorization, shifting political dynamics heading into the midterms, and evolving priorities at DHS. Panelists will also discuss emerging FMCSA and DOT enforcement trends, including heightened attention on non-domiciled CDLs, carrier oversight, and safety compliance, and what these shifts mean for the industry moving forward.

**MODERATOR:** Brandon Arnold, C.T.B., Director Business Development,  
LogistIQ Insurance Solutions

**PANELISTS:** Henry Hanscom, Chief Advocacy & Public Affairs Officer, ATA  
Daniel Hoff, VP Government Affairs, TIA  
Justin Olsen, VP, Legal, Compliance & Stakeholder Relations, LogistIQ Insurance Solutions

12:00PM-1:30PM

**LUNCHEON**

➔ ***BALLROOM SALONS 7-10***

**MOCK TRIAL RESULTS & DISCUSSION**

1:30PM-3:00PM

**SESSION 13**

➔ ***BALLROOM SALON 6***

**TRANSPORTATION ATTORNEY PANEL**

Leading transportation attorneys will discuss “vicarious liability” of shippers and intermediaries, the status of independent contractors, court decisions, legislation, regulations and other topics impacting shippers, carriers and intermediaries

**MODERATOR:** George Carl Pezold, Esq., Pezold, Smith, Hirschmann & Selvaggio, LLC

**PANELISTS:** Steve W. Block, Esq., Ballard Spahr, LLP  
Andrew Danas, Partner, Grove, Jaskiewicz and Cobert, LLP  
Eric Zalud, Esq., Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP

3:00PM-3:20PM

**BREAK**

➔ ***BALLROOM FOYER***

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026(CONT'D)**

**3:20PM-4:15PM**

**SESSION 14**

**➔ BALLROOM SALON 6**

**FROM CHATGPT TO AUTOMATION: AI'S ROLE, RISKS AND REALITY IN TRANSPORTATION**

Artificial Intelligence is changing how logistics professionals plan, move, and manage freight. In this practical workshop, industry experts will demonstrate how tools like ChatGPT, machine learning, and automation can help shippers and 3PLs make faster, smarter decisions – from rate analysis and RFP responses to shipment visibility and customer communication.

**MODERATOR:** Deena Walechka, CCP, Claims Specialist II, FedEx Custom Critical

**PANELISTS:** Gustav Khambatta - SVP Freight Payment Sales  
Jerrod Slaughter, Sr. Director, Global Logistics, KEEN Inc.  
Matt Wagner, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Jarrett Logistics

**4:15PM-5:00PM**

**SESSION 15**

**➔ BALLROOM SALON 6**

**FREIGHT CLAIMS UNPACKED: SHIPPER, CARRIER, & ATTORNEY PERSPECTIVES**

Join our expert panel as they address real-world freight claim questions submitted by attendees and the Council's Q&A forum. This interactive session features industry experts from both the shipper and carrier sides of the table tackling freight claim challenges from real-world examples. Drawing from audience questions and forum submissions, panelists will explore best practices, common pitfalls, and effective resolution techniques. Audience participation encouraged!

**MODERATOR:** Christine Gramse, CCP, Transportation Claims and Audit Specialist, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

**PANELISTS:** Ben Crawford, CSCP, Director of Materials, Essex Solutions  
Sheila Hill, CCP, Sr. Manager Freight Claims and Loss Prevention, Smithfield Foods  
Jayne Bart-Plange, Partner, Transportation & Commercial Litigation, Burke, Warren, Mackay & Serritella  
Carla Bay Rumford, CCP, Sr. Operations Support Manager, BM2 Freight Services  
Raymond A. Selvaggio, Esq., Pezold, Smith, Hirschmann & Selvaggio, LLC  
Deena Walechka, CCP, Claims Specialist II, FedEx Custom Critical

**5:00PM**

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