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Jeanne M. Grasso is a partner at Blank Rome LLP, and Vice Practice Group Leader of the Maritime and International Trade Practice Group. Jeanne focuses her practice on maritime and environmental law for domestic and international clients. She regularly counsels owners and operators of vessels, charterers, cargo owners and facilities on maritime and environmental issues, including ballast water, air emissions, and coastwise trade. Her practice involves counseling on all aspects of maritime and environmental regulatory compliance related to U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, Maritime Administration and U.S. Customs & Border Protection matters; internal and grand jury investigations; defense of administrative, civil, and criminal enforcement actions; and pollution incident response.

Jeanne is ranked by *Legal 500* as a tier 1 Transport: shipping attorney, ranked by *Chambers USA* as a top Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Regulatory lawyer, and named by *Lloyd's List* as one of the Top Ten lawyers for shipping law in 2015. She is a guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, where she speaks on legal issues related to pollution response for the Academy's Qualified Individual training program. Jeanne writes and lectures extensively on criminal enforcement of environmental laws and U.S. Coast Guard regulatory matters. She also conducts training sessions and assists clients with establishing compliance programs in an effort to avoid enforcement actions.

From 2012 to 2016, Jeanne served on the Marine Board of the National Research Council and has also served on the Advisory Board of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center since 2007. She was Board Member/Secretary of the World Ocean Council from 2011 through 2013. Jeanne served as president of the U.S. Chapter of the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) from 2008 through 2013, prior to being elected to WISTA's International Board in 2013.

Prior to joining Blank Rome, Jeanne worked in the Office of Congressional Affairs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration handling fisheries and oceans matters. She also served as staff to the House of Representatives' Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Biology, the University of Southern California with a Masters in Marine Affairs, and the University of Maryland School of Law.