

# David S. Jansen Joins Blank Rome Government Relations as Senior Advisor

Blank Rome Government Relations LLC (“BRGR”) is pleased to announce that David S. Jansen has joined the firm as a senior advisor in the Washington, D.C., office. Jansen brings nearly 30 years of executive and legislative branch experience in the areas of transportation; national security; and ocean, coastal, and wildlife science, conservation, and management to BRGR, most recently serving as the Democratic staff director for the Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his tenure at the U.S. House of Representatives, Jansen oversaw all aspects of subcommittee policy and legislative business. He conducted oversight of annual budgets totaling over \$13 billion annually for three federal maritime agencies, and advanced authorization of the first recapitalization of the Coast Guard’s polar icebreaker fleet in 40 years. Jansen notably worked across the aisle to raise awareness and increase appropriations for several important maritime programs, including the Maritime Security Program, the Small Shipyard Grant Program, the Port Infrastructure Development Program, and authorization to construct a new fleet of National Security Multi-Mission Training vessels for state maritime academies.

He also successfully built bipartisan support for passage of the first legislation to amend the Shipping Reform Act in 20 years to strengthen the Federal Maritime Commission’s anti-trust enforcement authority to ensure fair shipping practices in the \$980 billion international ocean transportation industry. Prior to serving in the U.S. House of

Representatives, Jansen was a congressional affairs specialist for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association.

Jansen earned his Master of Marine Affairs degree, with a focus on Ocean and Coastal Policy and Management, from the University of Washington. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree, with a focus on Wetland Science & Wildlife Management, from the University of Rhode Island.