

# **Semmes Principal Imran Shaukat Elected Director of Maritime Law Association of the United States**

Semmes is pleased to announce that the firm's principal Imran Shaukat has been elected to serve a three-year term as director of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA).

A member of the firm's Business Litigation and Maritime practice groups, Shaukat focuses his practice on litigation involving maritime-related matters and is active in several maritime organizations. He will continue to serve as chair of the MLA's Continuing Legal Education Committee.

Shaukat received his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland.

Founded in 1899, the MLA focuses on improvements in U.S. maritime law. The MLA's goals include advancing reforms to maritime law, facilitating justice and uniformity in the administration of the law, and serving as a forum for discussion of issues affecting maritime law. The MLA seeks to collaborate with other associations to bring about greater harmony in shipping laws, regulations, and practices of different nations.

MLA membership consists of lawyers involved in maritime matters, judges active in matters involving admiralty issues, admiralty law professors, and non-lawyers selected based on their positions in the maritime field.