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# Announcing Volume 2, Issue 1 Of The Intermodal Lead

The [Transportation Industries](#) Group of Foster Pepper PLLC is pleased to present the next issue of [The Intermodal Lead](#), a newsletter summarizing legal developments in freight carriage, logistics and transportation infrastructure for firm clients and friends.

In this issue:

- The Politics of Piracy: Contemporary U.S. Law Addresses a Timeless Issue
- No vicarious liability for broker who did nothing more than hire trucker and provide a trailer.
- Notwithstanding legislative history and case law, Carmack doesn't provide for attorney fee awards to shippers of commercial freight.
- ... and neither a state's insurance bad-faith law nor 49 USC §14704 authorizes attorneys' fees in cargo litigation (but 49 CFR §370 does provide a private right of action).
- You have to be a carrier for Carmack to apply, even if you're a carrier.
- Carmack encompasses claim against carrier for failure to collect COD charges.
- Failure to name real party in interest as plaintiff is easily correctible
- Independent Contractor Status Remains a Hot Topic in 2011

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