

## Ted Bassett quoted in Journal of Commerce article

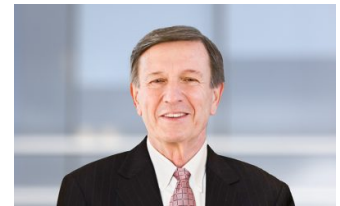
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Attorney Ted Bassett was quoted in the *Journal of Commerce*, “‘Montgomery’ ruling likely to raise pressure on trucking insurance, broker vetting.”

The May 14 decision in *Montgomery v. Caribe Transports LLC* held that freight brokers are not shielded from some state personal injury lawsuits, potentially expanding liability exposure for intermediaries that arrange truck freight. Attorneys on both sides of the trucking industry said the ruling is likely to intensify scrutiny of carrier selection practices and insurance coverage.

“These major trucking accidents result in deaths, amputations and traumatic brain injuries, and this opens the door to brokers, making them a viable defendant,” said Edward Bassett, a partner at Mirick Law and former president of the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America. “Whether you are popping champagne or Diet Coke at plaintiff firms, this is a big deal.” Bassett said brokers are likely to more carefully scrutinize the carriers they hire, rather than selecting providers primarily on price. “They’re going to start looking carefully at the carriers they hire and not just the cheaper ones,” he said. “They’re being held responsible if they hire fly-by-night companies.”

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