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“Reregulation: The Struggle for Prosperity”

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The Transportation Center
Chambers Hall, Lower Level Conference Center
600 Foster, Evanston

Abstract: This presentation will survey the history of railroad regulation in the U.S., cover the impact of the Staggers Act and examine the arguments for and against modifying that legislation in ways that are perceived to favor the economic interests of rail shippers.

Biography: Mike Blaszak was born into a railroad family (PRR) in 1953. After graduating from Northwestern University and the University of Chicago Law School, he realized a lifetime ambition when he joined The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway in 1976, working in the Law Department and then serving as Director-Administration of the railway. Thereafter Mike joined TTX Company as Assistant General Counsel and represented many major railroads and short lines in private practice. He now is senior counsel to Earth Tech, Inc., a worldwide infrastructure engineering and consulting firm, based in Chicago. Mike has written widely on railroad issues for many publications.