



Northwestern Transportation Center Sandhouse Rail Group presents:

William C. Sippel **Retired Partner of Fletcher & Sippel LLC,**



Forty Years as Railroad Counsel –

**A Personal Perspective on Four Extraordinary
Decades of Change and Challenge in the
Railroad Industry (and What May Lie Ahead)**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, @ 3:00 PM

**Location: Northwestern University Norris Center
1999 Campus Drive, Evanston Campus
Room 206 – The Arch Room**

Bill Sippel will discuss the changes in the law during his long career as a railroad counsel. He will offer his perspective on how the law changed and how the railroads responded with personal illustrative experiences and anecdotes. Finally, so as not to be solely retrospective, he plans to include a short discussion of his perspective on issues faced by the industry going forward.

Speaker Bio:

Bill Sippel advised and represented clients for nearly four decades in a wide range of railroad regulatory matters before federal and state regulatory agencies, including the Surface Transportation Board and its predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was involved in virtually every major rail merger over the past 30 years. He acted as outside general counsel to several small or medium-sized railroads that have limited or no in-house legal staff and regularly assisted cities, counties, ports and state departments of transportation with rail-related projects or issues.

Bill served as Senior General Attorney for the Milwaukee Road, Chicago and General Counsel-Administrative Law and Contracts for the Soo Line Railroad, Minneapolis. In 1987, he became a partner in the Chicago office of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly and served as Managing Partner of that office for three years. He is one of the founding partners of Fletcher & Sippel LLC, and retired from the firm on December 31, 2016.

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