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Thomas A. Allegretti serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of The American Waterways Operators (AWO), the national trade association representing the inland and coastal tugboat, towboat and barge industry. Headquartered just outside Washington, D.C., AWO represents over 300 member companies and also has regional offices in New Orleans, St. Louis, and Seattle. Mr. Allegretti has been AWO's president since 1994.

Prior to becoming AWO President, Mr. Allegretti served as Senior Vice President - Operations, and before that, Vice President - Operations. In those capacities, he was responsible for directing the development and promotion of federal policies beneficial to the U.S. barge and towing industry. He also served as a principal advisor to the AWO president on a wide range of public policy, membership, and administrative issues. He began his employment with AWO in 1985.

Before joining AWO, from 1978 to 1985, Mr. Allegretti held a number of positions at the Transportation Institute, most recently as Director, Domestic Waterways. During his tenure at the Transportation Institute, he managed and directed the Institute's domestic maritime advocacy program in both the Congress and the Executive Branch.

From 1976 to 1978, Mr. Allegretti was Research Analyst and later Assistant to the Board for the American Trucking Associations.

Mr. Allegretti received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science, graduating with honors from The College of New Jersey in 1973. He also completed graduate course work in international studies at The American University, Washington, D.C.

He and his wife, Dolores, reside in Silver Spring, Maryland. They are the proud parents of three accomplished daughters.

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