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Services

Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Insurance, Insurance Litigation & Coverage, Maritime, Product Liability, Transportation,

John works with clients to provide solutions to problems and to avoid potential problems for business interests along the waterfront. John's experience and close relationships with the USCG, surveyors, port authorities and repair facilities help facilitate expedited resolutions to the multiple (and sometimes unique) issues facing maritime clients.

He serves as the co-chair of the firm's Transportation & Maritime Litigation section and has been recognized by many highly regarded organizations and directories nationwide.

Born and raised on the nearby Mississippi Gulf Coast, John has practiced in Mobile since 1993. After graduating from the University of South Alabama, John attended Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, serving as a Managing Editor of the *Tulane Law Review*. Following law school, John served as a law clerk to the Hon. John M. Duhe', Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Professional / Community Development

Since 2015, John has been a judge tasked with grading briefs submitted by law students in the "Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition," sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law. This is the second year he has participated in this interscholastic appellate advocacy competition.

John is a long-standing participant and judge of the Mississippi State Bar's High School Mock Trial Competition for the Coast Regional Rounds in Gulfport, MS.

Publications

- "Automobile Manufacturing Drives the Need to Strengthen Infrastructure in Southeast," *Transportation & Logistics International* (Vol. 8, Issue 3A)
- "Driving Southeastern Infrastructure Growth," *Industry Today* (March 2018)
- *Mercer Law Review*: 11th Circuit Admiralty Survey (2016, 2018)
- Update: Burr Alert: Current Port Conditions // Central U.S. GOMEX
- Burr Alert: Court Rejects Vicarious Liability Under Georgia Boating Law

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Tulane University School of Law, (1992)

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of South Alabama, (1989)

Licensed In

Alabama, Mississippi

Honors & Awards

- *Chambers USA*, Leading Practitioner in Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Litigation (2013-2019)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Admiralty & Maritime Law (2007-2019)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Transportation/Maritime (2016-2018)
- *Alabama Super Lawyers*, Transportation/Maritime (2011-2015)

Professional Associations

Alabama Bar Association

American Bar Association

Mississippi Bar Association

Mobile County, AL Bar Association

Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, Louisiana

Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute

The Propeller Club of the United States

Maritime Law Association of the United States

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