



Mark A. Hill

Partner

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Mark Hill is a litigator with first chair experience specializing in admiralty and marine matters.

In addition to marine claims, Mark is also an experienced appellate practitioner. He has also handled several other claims involving other areas of law including, but not limited to, insurance defense, business organization, construction law, commercial litigation, consumer protection, contracts, environmental law, exposure cases, property disputes, estate planning, and probate law.

Skilled in fostering positive and trusting client relationships, Mark considers each and every case to be of equal importance and strives to provide the most effective and efficient legal services to any legal problem.

Representative Experience

- Proceeded to trial on many occasions on behalf of vessel owner defendants and their insurers in either first or second chair capacity.
- On multiple occasions, successfully defended vessel owners against Jones Act negligence, general maritime law unseaworthiness, and general maritime law maintenance and cure claims brought by former employees by receiving defense verdicts at trial.
- On multiple occasions, successfully defended vessel owners against Jones Act negligence, general maritime law unseaworthiness, and general maritime law maintenance and cure claims brought by former employees through motions for summary judgment by receiving judgments dismissing all or some of the respective Plaintiff's claims.
- Successfully defeated several different Plaintiffs' respective claims for general maritime law maintenance and cure benefits in both federal and state courts utilizing the marine defense first promulgated in *McCorpen v. Cent. Gulf S.S. Corp.*, 396 F.2d 547 (5th Cir. 1968).
- Successfully defended vessel owner from marine tort claims brought by a town of residents and several quasi-government claimants following a vessel allision

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by motions for summary judgment (and subsequent appeals) utilizing the marine standard first promulgated in *Robins Dry Dock & Repair Co. v. Flint*, 275 U.S. 303 (1927).

- Successfully defeated Plaintiff's claim for alleged exposure resulting in mesothelioma diagnosis by motion for summary judgment.
- Successfully recovered sums due and owing to vessel owner utilizing the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.
- Successfully recovered sums due and owing to construction contractor utilizing the Louisiana Open Account Statute and other revised statutes protecting subcontractors.
- Assisted several different business owners by organizing their new businesses under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Education

- Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (J.D. / G.D.C.L., 2011)
 - U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Award Recipient, 2010-2011
 - President of The Federalist Society - Louisiana State Chapter, 2010-2011
- Louisiana State University (B.A., 2008)

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana
- Texas

Court Admissions

- United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Professional and Community Activities

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Editorial Board of the Louisiana State Bar Journal
- Texas State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Maritime law Association of the United States
- The Federalist Society
- The Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans
- The Houston Mariners Club

Speeches and Presentations

- "*Maritime Personal Injury - Jurisdictional Issues*," Thompson Coe Webinar,

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