

Mark A. Hill

Partner

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Mark Hill has been recurrently described by his clients as smart, practical, thorough, aggressive, and honest. He is an experienced litigator and appellate practitioner across Federal, Louisiana and Texas district courts and courts of appeal.

He thrives on helping others by solving problems of all magnitudes and providing a clear and practical roadmap towards resolution – whether by dispositive motion, settlement or trial – and executing that plan.

Mark understands that litigation can be costly and strives to maximize results for his clients while keeping in mind the expenses associated with defending claims of any nature.

Skilled in fostering positive and trusting client relationships, Mark considers 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 multiple occasions on behalf of Fortune 500 Energy Company and obtained defense verdicts.

Proceeded to trial on multiple occasions for several different Marine Transportation/Marine Service companies of differing sizes and their insurers and obtained defense verdicts.

Successfully handled appeals and writs in Federal, Louisiana and Texas Courts for multiple insurance carriers of varying sizes and insureds.

Defeated several claims through dispositive motion practice thereby advancing the caselaw on Jones Act Negligence and General Maritime Law's Maintenance and Cure and Unseaworthiness in favor of Vessel Owners.

Successfully defended vessel owner from marine tort claims brought by a town of residents and several quasi-government claimants following a vessel allision 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 recovered sums due and owing to construction contractor utilizing the Louisiana Open Account Statute and other revised statutes protecting subcontractors.

Assisted multiple construction and marine companies by reviewing contracts and handling various contractual disputes related to construction projects.

Successfully recovered sums due and owing to vessel owner utilizing the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

Handled and successfully resolved dozens of First Party Claims for major nationwide carrier.

Aggressively defended dozens of casualty cases of all magnitudes and nature on behalf of insurance carriers of all sizes.

Successfully defeated Plaintiff's claim for alleged exposure resulting in mesothelioma diagnosis by motion for summary judgment.

Assisted several different business owners by organizing their new businesses under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

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).

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.

Related Services

Appellate Litigation

Business and Commercial

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Insurance

Publications & Speaking Engagements

What to Expect from Laura and Ida: Louisiana Coverage Practice

Thompson Coe Webinar

2021

Maritime Personal Injury - Jurisdictional Issues

Thompson Coe Webinar

2020

Education, Admissions & Activities

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

Louisiana State University

B.A., 2008

BAR ADMISSIONS

Mississippi

2023

Texas

2012

Louisiana

2011

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

United States District Court of Louisiana

Western, Middle, Southern, Eastern

United States Bankruptcy Court of Louisiana

Eastern, Southern, Western

United States District Court of Mississippi

Northern, Southern

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Louisiana State Bar Association

Louisiana State Bar Journal

Editorial Board

Texas State Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

Maritime Law Association of the United States

The Federalist Society

President of Louisiana State Chapter, 2010-2011

The Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans

The Houston Mariners Club