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ABOUT ANDY

Andy Waters is a director in the firm's New Orleans office where his practice primarily consists of representing and advising multinational shipping companies, insurers, and underwriters in matters regarding international law and maritime and admiralty litigation. Andy assists in litigating suits that arise out of vessel collisions and allisions, cargo claims, charter party disputes, personal injuries, and regulatory matters. His litigation practice also includes general insurance defense, such as property damage claims and insurance coverage issues. Andy regularly assists clients in navigating complex regulatory issues by interfacing with government agencies such as the United States Coast Guard, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of Commerce to mitigate potential liability arising out of business operations.

Andy graduated from Tulane University's A.B. Freeman School of Business with a B.S.M. in both Finance and Legal Studies in Business. He earned his J.D. from Tulane Law where he received a Maritime Law Certificate for concentrating his studies on admiralty and maritime classes.

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Construction Litigation
Corporate Transactions
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Maritime Law & Admiralty
Regulatory & Compliance

Industries

Commercial/Corporate
Construction
Maritime
Transportation

Education

- J.D., Maritime Law Certificate, Tulane University Law School
- B.S.M., Finance and Legal Studies in Business, Tulane University

Admissions

- Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

During law school, Andy participated in student government by serving as class president, Executive Social Chair, and eventually as Executive President of the Student Bar Association. Andy was a Managing Editor of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal, and he was a student-attorney in the Tulane Civil Litigation Clinic where he represented indigent clients in civil rights issues on a pro bono basis. Additionally, Andy helped international graduate law students sharpen their legal skills by serving as the Legal Research and Writing Senior Fellow for International Law Programs. Upon graduating, he received the Tulane 34 Award, which is presented to 34 Tulane University graduates who have distinguished themselves during their time at Tulane by virtue of their exemplary leadership, service, and academic excellence. In the November 2022 issue of *New Orleans* magazine, Andy was recognized by peers as one of the “Best Lawyers in Admiralty and Maritime Law” in New Orleans based on research conducted by Professional Research Services.

Andy strives to offer practical solutions that are tailored to meet each individual client's objectives. He understands that no two legal issues are the same, and with this in mind, he works aggressively to help each client achieve positive outcomes.

Awards & Recognitions

- Finalist for Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel 2024 Frank L. Maraist Award

Associations

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association – Board of Directors of Young Lawyers Division
- Maritime Law Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel