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ABOUT FREDERICK WILLIAM "BILLY"

Frederick William (“Billy”) Swaim III is a native New Orleanian who honed his legal habits early, born to a home where the language of law comprised the daily discourse with his dad and namesake a law professor for four decades, his mom a litigator, and his older sister a future prosecuting attorney.

After obtaining his Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Billy secured a Masters of Law (LL.M.) in Admiralty from Tulane University, with distinction. While in the LL.M. program, he published in *Benedict on Admiralty*. Billy joined Galloway soon after earning his degrees. He is licensed to practice law in Louisiana, is admitted to practice law in the federal courts in Louisiana and Texas, has handled many cases in other United States jurisdictions on a *pro hac vice* basis (Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, and beyond), and has been involved in several international arbitration and litigation matters.

He is an experienced litigator with a practice primarily focused, domestically and internationally, on maritime (blue and brown water), construction, property (including bad faith), coverage, and corporate / transactional law. Billy has presented on many topics around the world including moderating a panel at Energy Insurance London in 2020. He has also taught classes (as an adjunct / substitute professor) at Loyola University New Orleans, Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business, and Tulane University School of Law. He is a member of the Louisiana State, New Orleans, and Federal Bar Associations, as well as the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute and the Maritime Law Association of the United States, among others.

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Construction Litigation
Corporate Transactions
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Maritime Law & Admiralty
Premises Liability
Product Liability

Industries

Commercial/Corporate
Construction
Maritime
Oil & Gas/Energy
Transportation

Education

- L.L.M., Admiralty with distinction, Tulane University Law School
- J.D., Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
- B.A., Political Science, Loyola University New Orleans

Billy is married to Tara Carleton Swaim, who also obtained her Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. They have two amazing daughters, Sarah Cecelia and Claire Isabella.

Awards & Recognitions



- 2021 CityBusiness Leadership in Law

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. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

Associations

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association
- Loyola Maritime Law Society
- Thomas More Inn of the American Inns of Court
- Chair of the New Orleans Bar Association Maritime and International Law Committee (2019 and 2020)
- Co-Chair of the Federal Bar Association Admiralty Law Committee (2020)