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ABOUT RICHARD

Richard G. Duplantier, Jr. is a senior partner at Galloway, a highly respected trial lawyer, and an accomplished business consultant who brings a critical and innovative approach to case handling and litigation. Having significant expertise in both litigation and transactional matters, he views cases and deals from various angles, thoroughly understanding his clients' business and corporate priorities.

Rick focuses his commercial litigation practice in the areas of products liability, construction, environmental, all facets of professional liability, as well as insurance defense and coverage. His robust experience also includes the immediate response, assessment, and defense of catastrophic incidents and explosions. Rick has a substantial and extensive history of trials to verdict, achieving a trial success rate of over eighty percent. He has partnered with clients in the initial creation and implementation of business development and strategic planning, setting a strong foundation to achieving their goals.

Additionally, Rick represents clients in the entertainment industry in litigation and in the areas of contracts, trademark, residuals, and other general entertainment law practice concerns. He has successfully handled and resolved matters for promoters, record labels, production companies, individual performers, and their representatives in both the U.S. and Europe.

Rick is regularly requested to conduct seminars around the country focusing on risk management, and his sessions educate, increase risk awareness, and assist clients in avoiding malpractice pitfalls. As a prominent leader in the legal community, he has been recognized by numerous organizations, including Best Lawyers and as one of the Leaders in Law in the state of Louisiana by City Business, while maintaining an AV Preeminent peer rating with Martindale-Hubbell. In addition to his practice, Rick volunteers in the community and provides integral leadership to various board positions. Furthermore, he serves as Commissioner of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-East following a nomination and appointment by Governor John Bel Edwards.

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Construction Litigation
Environmental Law
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Mass Tort & Class Action
Premises Liability
Professional Liability
Trucking

Industries

Amusement, Entertainment,
Hospitality & Sports
Construction
Environmental
Transportation

Education

- J.D., Loyola University
New Orleans College of
Law, 1988
- B.A., Communications
and Political Science,
Marquette University,
1984

Admissions

- Louisiana, 1988
- 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

Representative Matters

- Rachel Hope Rascoe, et al v. GOVIND Hospitality, et al (82978-A) 42nd Judicial District Court, Parish of DeSoto
- Pride Centric Resources, Inc. v. LaPorte (2:19-CV-10163) District Court, E.D. Louisiana
- Stream, Inc. v. Joseph Truong, Inc. (2:17-CV-08179) District Court, E.D. Louisiana
- Michelle Ramagos v. Acadian Ambulance Service, et al (621-949) 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge
- Defense Steering Committee, Multi-District Litigation, in *RE: CHINESE-MANUFACTURED DRYWALL PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION* MDL NO. 2047, Eastern District Louisiana
 - See: The Louisiana Jury Verdict Reporter. January 2013
- Counsel for Estate of Laporte: *Bernard, Cassisa, Elliott and Davis v. Estate of Laporte*,
 - — So.3d —, 2013 WL 1287387, 12-758 (La.App. 5 Cir. 3/27/13), La.App. 5 Cir., March 27, 2013 (NO. 12-CA-758)
- Bank of Louisiana v. Aetna U.S. Healthcare, Inc.,
 - 326 Fed.Appx. 321, 2009 WL 1657050, C.A.5 (La.), June 15, 2009 (NO. 08-30794)
- Castillo v. Alstom Power, Inc.,
 - 85 Fed.Appx. 985, 2004 WL 117626, C.A.5 (La.), January 22, 2004 (NO. 03-30631)
- 1544 Tchoupitoulas, LLC v. Century Surety Co.,
 - Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2006 WL 1581230, E.D.La., June 06, 2006 (NO. CIV.A. 06-1868)
- Fernandez v. Hebert,
 - 961 So.2d 404, 2007 WL 1299792, 2006-1558 (La.App. 1 Cir. 5/4/07), La.App. 1 Cir., May 04, 2007 (NO. 2006 CA 1558)
- *Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana v. Pecot*, 351 F.Supp.2d 519, 2004 WL 3079877, W.D.La., July 26, 2004 (NO. CIV.A.02-1512), and *Derry LABORDE, et al.v.Kirby M. PECOT, et al.*.Nos. CW 2005-285, CW 2005-304, CW 2005-330, CW 2005-365, CW 2005-369, CW 2005-74, CW 2005-376, CW 2005-401, CW 2005-406, CW 2005-407, CW 2005-1011, CW 2005, Counsel for McElroy Metals Inc – complex tribal land dispute and construction litigation
- Lead counsel, *CLARISE ARMSTEAD, ET AL. VERSUS MULTI-CHEM GROUP, LLC, AARON GAUTHIER, AND NATHAN WALKER*, NO. 119-754 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA – Mass Tort Chemical facility explosion
- Counsel for Pioneer Oil Exploration, *Hazel Richard Savoie, Kevin Savoie and Richard Michael Savoie v. Alice T. Richard, Jimmy Mock, Pioneer Exploration, Ltd., ET AL*, 38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF CAMERON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, No. 2010-18078

Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Supreme Court

Associations

- Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, Commissioner, 2020 – 2025
- New Orleans Bar Foundation, Board of Directors, 2020 – 2022
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
- ASI Federal Credit Union, Board of Directors, 2002 – 2017

Awards & Recognitions



- Board of Editors – Federal Bar Journal
- Pro Bono Publico Award – New Orleans Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, 2002
- Federal Bar Association Camille Gravel Public Service Honoree, 2009
- New Orleans City Business Leaders in Law, 2008
- Top Lawyers in Louisiana, 2009-2020