



## Christopher O. Davis

Attorney

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Chris Davis concentrates his practice in transportation-related litigation.

For the past 30 years Mr. Davis has represented marine, energy and insurance clients in arbitration and litigation matters.

Mr. Davis is bilingual (English and Spanish) and has a working knowledge of French and Portuguese. He has been awarded the AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory which is the highest possible rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

### Representative Matters

#### Arbitration

- Defended an ICC arbitration and two appeals to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in securing confirmation of an international arbitral award on behalf of a state-owned petroleum company, which resulted in the dismissal of more than \$100 million in breach of contract and tort claims arising out of the sale of multiple gasoline shipments, and ordered reimbursement to the client of more than \$730,000 in attorneys' fees and costs.
- Represented a state-owned oil company in breach of contract claims arising out of the purchase of crude oil and related antitrust disputes.
- Defended a Mexican fabrication company against claims arising out of a platform construction and transportation contract.
- Represented Japanese shipowners and underwriters in claims arising out of a collision in the Bay of Campeche, Mexico.
- Represented a Turkish company in breach of contract and tort claims arising out of a business consultancy agreement.
- Represented a contractor specializing in disaster restoration services in claims arising out of the proposed charter of a passenger ship following a hurricane.

#### Litigation

- Represented a British Virgin Islands company in obtaining \$42 million in security for forward freight agreements dispute pending before London High Court.
- Defended a state-owned oil company against antitrust claims.
- Defended an offshore drilling company against claims brought by a major oil company arising out of a riser separation incident in the Gulf of Mexico during deep water drilling operations.
- Represented owners, hull and machinery underwriters and the P&I Club of a passenger ship in claims arising out of a major collision with a bulk carrier at the mouth of the Mississippi River.
- Represented European financial institution in a first preferred ship mortgage foreclosure action against two parcel tankers in Houston and New Orleans. Numerous competing liens arising under the laws of various foreign countries had to be defended. Client successfully recovered proceeds in excess of \$45 million from the public auction sale of both ships.
- Represented vessel interests and their underwriters in claims arising out of sinkings, allisions and collisions in the Panama Canal.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – American Bar Association

- Member – Louisiana State Bar Association
- Member – New Orleans Bar Association
  - Recipient – Distinguished Maritime Award (2019)
- Member – Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Board Member – Maritime Law Association of the United States (2004 – 2007)
- Comité Maritime International Committee of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, (Secretary, 1992 – 1999; Vice Chair, 1999 – 2003; Chair, 2003 – 2004)
- Titulary Member – Comité Maritime International (2000 to present)
- Executive Councillor – Comité Maritime International (2005 – 2013)
- Vice President – Comité Maritime International (2013 – 2018)
- President – Comité Maritime International (2018 – 2021)
- Member – International Organizations, Conventions and Standards Committee of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, Chair (2004 – 2008)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Admiralty & Maritime Law since 2007; Transportation Law since 2012; International Arbitration - Commercial since 2023
- Listed in *Louisiana Super Lawyers* since 2007
- Recognized as a "Top Lawyer" by *New Orleans Magazine* in Admiralty & Maritime Law (2018 – 2023) and International Arbitration (2018 – 2021, 2023)
- Named to the Lawdragon 3000 (2010)
- Named to "Leadership in Law," *New Orleans CityBusiness* (2008)
- Recognized as a "Top Lawyer" in Maritime Law by *New Orleans Magazine* (2010, 2012, 2024)
- Full Member of the New Orleans Board of Trade
- Advisory Board Member – *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*
- Planning and Program Committees and Advisory Board Member – Tulane Admiralty Law Institute
- 2011 John W. Sims Distinguished Admiralty Practitioner in Residence – Tulane Law School



## Publications

- "Defense Production Act is Invoked by President Trump" (March 19, 2020)



## Education

- Tulane University, J.D., 1979, cum laude
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1976, with distinction
- Canal Zone College, A.A., 1974, with honors



## Admissions

- Louisiana, 1979
- All Louisiana State Courts
- All Federal District and Appellate Courts in Louisiana
- United States Supreme Court