

F. William Mahley

Of Counsel

F. William Mahley is a litigator whose primary areas of practice are maritime, energy, insurance and commercial litigation.

EXPERIENCE

- General representation—contracts, operations, casualties, injuries, environmental, insurance, and human resources—of marine transportation, energy service companies, and shipyards.
- Successful prosecution of maritime lien cases on behalf of a physical supplier following the O.W. Bunker bankruptcy.
- Defended marine construction company in a personal injury action by a worker claiming to be a seaman.
- Defended barge line in a claim by one of its charterers alleging numerous instances of short delivery of liquid cargo over a several year period.
- Prosecuted property damage claims for a barge line and dock facility caused by the wake of a passing ship.
- General representation of shipyards in personal injury, regulatory, financial and commercial disputes.
- Prosecuted property damage claim by the operator of an offshore platform which was struck by a foreign flag ship.
- Defended tug and barge flotilla following collision with and sinking of fishing vessel which resulted in the drowning deaths of two persons aboard the fishing vessel.
- Defended sellers of a business in a subsequent suit by a former employee alleging entitlement to a portion of the sale proceeds based on an alleged oral promise of stock in the venture.
- Defended operators of offshore towing and supply vessels in various maritime, personal injury and property damage claims, including the Jones Act.
- Prosecuted claim for contamination of potable ethanol cargo while in tank storage awaiting transshipment to Asia.
- Intervention in proceedings to seize a gambling ship to assert lien claim on behalf of company supplying casino equipment to vessel.

Publications

- *Maritime Law*, 16th Annual Advanced Personal Injury Law Course (2000)
- *Selected Issues in Maritime Occupational Illness Claims*, State Bar of Texas Admiralty Law Seminar (April 1994)

Practices, Industries & Services

Admiralty & Maritime
Automotive & Manufacturing
Energy & Utilities
Environment, Energy & Natural Resources
Litigation
Oil & Gas
Transportation & Logistics

Memberships

- Houston Bar Association, Member
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Member

Honors



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Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, 1981

B.A., University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 1978

State Bar Licenses

Texas

Court Admissions

U.S. District Ct., S.D. of Texas

U.S. District Ct., E.D. of Texas

U.S. District Ct., W.D. of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

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- Named among The Best Lawyers in America - Admiralty and Maritime Law by Best Lawyers (2016- 2021)