


# Samuel P. Blatchley

## Partner

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Samuel P. Blatchley (Sam) represents clients in litigation and transactional matters with a focus on admiralty and maritime law. He represents vessel owners and operators, charterers, construction and dredging firms, bunker suppliers, freight forwarders, inland carriers, lenders, marina operators, marine surveyors, marine trades providers, stevedores, and terminal operators in maritime litigation, as well as in marine-related commercial and corporate transactions. Sam's practice covers an array of maritime disputes, including maritime collisions and casualties, charter party and marine services agreements, personal injury and death claims, Admiralty Rules B, C, and D actions, and insurance coverage disputes. He serves as outside general counsel to a marine insurer covering, Hull & Machinery and Protection & Indemnity risks. Sam also handles maritime financing, purchase and charter, documentation, and registration matters in connection with both commercial vessels and private yachts. Prior to joining Holbrook & Murphy, Sam was a partner and Chair of the Admiralty and Maritime Group at a leading New England law firm.

Sam received his J.D. and Maritime Law Certificate from Tulane University Law School, where he was the Notes and Comments Editor of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal, and received a CALI Award in marine insurance. Before law school, Sam graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a Bachelor of Arts in History, with honors, and Political Science, with distinction. While at the University of Wisconsin, Sam was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.


Sam is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, Maine, New York, and Rhode Island. He is also admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit; the U.S. District Court, Connecticut; the U.S. District Court, Massachusetts; the U.S. District Court, Maine; and the U.S. District Court, Rhode Island. Sam was a member of the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for the District of Rhode Island Local Rules Review Committee, which drafted the Local Admiralty Rules for the District of Rhode Island, effective as of January 15, 2013. Sam is designated as a Proctor in Admiralty by the Maritime Law Association of the United States, and serves as the Chairman of the Association's Practice and Procedure Committee. He was also designated as a Massachusetts Super Lawyers

Rising Star, Transportation and Maritime Law in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

In his free time, Sam is a credentialed vessel operator in the State of Mississippi and is pursuing his small tonnage Captain's license.

# Daniel C. Kelley

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Daniel C. Kelley holds a United States Coast Guard Second Mate (Unlimited) License as well as a 1600 Ton Master's License and received his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Massachusetts. In law school, Dan was a member of the Transnational Law Review and a Student Attorney with Suffolk Law's nationally ranked defense clinic. Before law school Dan graduated, *magna cum laude*, from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and a United States Coast Guard Third Mates License. Dan received honors for earning the highest grade point average in the Marine Transportation Major.

After graduating from the Academy, Dan sailed deep sea in the United States Merchant Marine with the United States Navy's Military Sealift Command. Dan spent his time with Military Sealift Command sailing on Dry Cargo/ Fuel and Ammunition ships and Fleet Ocean Tug Boats as a Second and Third Officer. Dan delivered fuel and ammunition to U.S. Navy ships at sea during Underway Replenishment Operations, conducted salvage/dive operations with U.S. Navy Divers, and planned and participated in voyages including towing decommissioned nuclear submarines through the Panama Canal.

Since joining Holbrook & Murphy, Dan has represented clients in various maritime matters including vessel documentation, contract drafting, collisions, property damage, cargo disputes, Jones Act and general maritime law claims, limitation of liability proceedings, as well as subrogation actions.