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### Practice Focus

- Litigation
- Admiralty

### Education

- University of Southampton, LL.M., in Maritime Law, with merit, 2013; Beaumont Aviation Prize
- University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2012; Lead Articles Editor and Managing Board Member, *The Journal of the Legal Profession*
- University of Mississippi, B.A., *magna cum laude*, in History and Political Science, 2009; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi

### Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama
- Alabama
- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

### Practice

Barrett Hails practices in the area of litigation and admiralty. His practice includes representing shipyards, vessel owners, contractors and businesses in commercial and tort litigation. He is licensed in Alabama and Florida.

### Experience

- Representation of vessel interest and insurers in Jones Act, Unseaworthiness and Maintenance and Cure claims.
- Representation of vessel owners in capsizing/sinking cases.
- Representation of shipyard in US L&H injury claims.
- Representation of vessel repair yard in tort cases.
- Representation of vessel owners in limitation of liability proceedings.
- Representation of cargo owners in *in rem* arrest action.

### Insights

#### Publications

- "I'll Supervise, Your Honor: Ethical and Legal Considerations Arising from the Use of Law Students in Court Proceedings," *36 J. Legal Prof.* 225 (2011-2012) Author

#### Speaking Engagements

- "Entrenched Inter-Circuit Conflicts in Maritime Law: GML Damages, the McCorpen Counterclaim, and Red-Letter Clauses in Contracts to Repair Vessels," Maritime Law Association Uniformity Committee Fall Meeting (Scottsdale, AZ, November 2019)
- "Choice of law and liability considerations arising from the 2015 Dauphin Island Race," Maritime Law Association Recreational Boating Committee Spring Meeting (New York, NY, May 2019) Speaker
- "Applicable and not inconsistent—adjacent state employment law under OCSLA in light of *Newton v. Parker Drilling*," Maritime Law Association Offshore Industries Committee Spring Meeting (New York, NY, May 2018) Speaker

#### News

- 16 Attorneys Named 2019 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars - (11/05/2019)

### Memberships and Affiliations

- Alabama State Bar
- The Florida Bar

- Mobile Bar Association
- Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Mobile
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute

**Recognition**

- Beaumont Aviation Prize, University of Southampton, 2013
- Selected to the Mid-South Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), 2018