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Education

J.D., Franklin Pierce Law Center, Staff Member, *The Journal of New Hampshire Law*
B.S., United States Merchant Marine Academy

Bar Admissions

New York
Pennsylvania

Background

With nearly 35 years of experience—both in private practice and as corporate counsel for a leading oil trader—Jim Textor is a nationally-recognized admiralty and maritime litigator in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels.

Jim represents maritime clients in shipping and chartering disputes, breach of liquid commodity sales contracts and related commercial arbitrations. He also advises multinational energy companies, financing banks and trading institutions on complex coverage disputes arising from alleged damage to energy-related assets.

His years as maritime counsel provide him with extensive experience in the petroleum and chemical industry, including hedging business risks through derivatives.

Jim is the author of six law review articles on petroleum trading contracts, maritime arbitration, and vessel and barge charter party disputes. As issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, Jim holds an unlimited tonnage ocean Second Mate license.

After graduating from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Jim sailed as deck officer for American Export Lines on dry cargo break-bulk vessels and for Point Shipping and Getty Fleet Corp on U.S. Flag coastwise tankers.

For charter party and sales contract disputes, Jim routinely participates as the Chair in tripartite Society of Maritime Arbitration proceedings in New York City.

Professional Activities

- Member, Maritime Law Association of the U.S., Committee for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, New York County Lawyers' Association

Articles

- New OCIMF Pre-Fixture Tanker Vetting Cyber Requirement(November 22, 2017) Gard
- In Maritime Arbitration, Nonsignatories' Rights with Reference To U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Fall 2020, MLA Newsletter

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit