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### **WILLIAM BALDWIN**

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Will regularly advises and represents clients on a wide range maritime law topics, including marine finance, ship mortgages, purchase and sale of marine assets, enforcement of ship mortgages, vessel seizures and attachments, maritime lien disputes, charterparty and master service agreement negotiation and drafting, contractual and indemnity disputes, arbitration, vessel construction and flagging, Jones Act and coastwise compliance, collisions/allisions, property damage, pollution, piracy, mass tort claims, multi-district litigation, NTSB, USCG and onboard investigations, personal injury, stevedoring accidents, and cargo disputes.

### **FRANCIS BARRY, JR.**

Frank Barry has over 30 years’ experience in maritime and energy litigation, with successes involving maritime property damage, marine insurance indemnity and coverage claims. Frank also has achieved successful outcomes in insurance broker E&O claims, and in oil and gas claims such as Legacy Oil, on shore blowouts, subsurface trespass, and operating agreement litigation.

His reported cases also include seminal Louisiana caselaw on gas balancing and preferential rights in mineral law

Frank has handled large loss fire litigation on both the admiralty side ( e.g., New Orleans Chalmette Marina Fire for INA, a Cunard reefer ship fire for Castle & Cooke, a products liability claim in the S/S STONEWALL JACKSON fire) and on the non-maritime side (Orange Street Wharf Fire for CIGNA of Europe, S.A./N.V.).

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In 2000 Dr. Dane retired as Vice Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer of Friede Goldman Halter Inc. (NYSE: FGH), a Mississippi-based company which formed through the November 1999 merger of Friede Goldman International and Halter Marine Group, of which Mr. Dane had served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Friede Goldman Halter at the time was a world leader in the design and manufacture of equipment for the maritime and offshore energy industries with over 10,000 employees, 22 shipyards and 2 offshore crane and winch manufacturing facilities.

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Christopher O. Davis is a shareholder at Baker Donelson law firm and president of the Comité Maritime International. For more than 30 years, he has represented marine, energy and insurance clients in arbitration and litigation matters.

In November 2018, Mr. Davis was elected president of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), the first American to serve in this role in the CMI's 122-year history. He previously served on the executive council for eight years, and as vice president for five years. During his three-year term as president, Mr. Davis' goal is to focus on private law initiatives with practical applications that will contribute to the uniformity of maritime law in both civilian and common law jurisdictions, working closely with other maritime law associations, inter-governmental agencies, and consultative members to accomplish this. He is also dedicated to raising the profile of the CMI in other parts of the world as well as strengthening the CMI's ties with the International Maritime Organization.

A 1979 graduate of Tulane University School of Law and a 1976 graduate of the University of Virginia, Mr. Davis is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, where he served a three-year term on the board of directors and as chair of the International Organizations, Conventions and Standards Committee for four years. He serves as an advisory board member for the Tulane Maritime Law Journal and is on the Planning and Program Committees for the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute and is a member of the New Orleans Bar Association's Maritime and International Law Committee.

Mr. Davis serves as the contact for Baker Donelson's Admiralty and Maritime Practice Group and the International Arbitration Practice Group. He has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America and

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Louisiana Super Lawyers for more than 10 years for his work in maritime law and transportation, and has also been recognized as a "Top Lawyer" by New Orleans Magazine in Maritime Law. Mr. Davis served as the 2011 John W. Sims Distinguished Admiralty Practitioner in Residence at the Tulane University Law School

When Mr. Davis is not working, he enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with his friends and family, especially if it is over a meal with a good bottle of wine.

### **HON. DANA DOUGLAS**

United States Magistrate Judge Dana Marie Douglas currently serves in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Douglas attended Loyola University College of Law where she received her Juris Doctor in New Orleans in 2000. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana to the Honorable Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle. Judge Douglas is also a former shareholder of the law firm of Liskow & Lewis where her practice focused in the areas of energy, products liability, and intellectual property litigation in the state and federal courts of Louisiana and across a wide variety of industry sectors.

Judge Douglas has been committed to her community for her entire career. She is the immediate Past President of the New Orleans Bar Association and a Past President of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society. Judge Douglas also served as Chair of the 2017 Annual Justice For All Ball, a fundraiser that benefits The Pro Bono Project which provides pro bono civil legal aid services to the underserved in New Orleans. She also served as a Vice-Chair and Commissioner of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission. The Commission is the quasi-judicial and policy-making body that exercises oversight of activities of the city's Civil Service Department. She is also a Charter and Founding Member of the Louisiana Chapter of the Women's Energy Network.

Judge Douglas' service to the community has been formally recognized by many. In 2008, she was presented with the prestigious Louisiana State Bar Association ("LSBA") President's Award. She was also recently selected as a "Women of the Year" honoree by New Orleans CityBusiness and a recipient of the 2018 National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division Outstanding Minority Partner in Majority Firm Award. Judge Douglas is also a past recipient of the LSBA Crystal Gavel Award, the Federal Bar Association Camille Gavel Award, and the Loyola University School of Law Gillis Long Public Service Award.

Judge Dana Marie Douglas assumed her role as a United States Magistrate Judge on January 7, 2019.

### **RONNIE EVANS**

Mr. Evans specializes in Commercial asset finance in the south central region with a national focus on the marine industry. Mr. Evans currently serves as National Director of Commercial Marine Finance at Key Equipment Finance and has more than 20 years' experience in the finance industry.

### **MICHAEL FITTS**

Michael A. Fitts has served as the 15th president of Tulane University since 2014. Fitts is recognized as one of the country's foremost legal scholars on administrative and constitutional law, particularly matters relating to separation of powers. A trademark of his scholarship, consistent with the values he later brought to his academic leadership roles, has been its interdisciplinary compass, drawing insights from political science, psychology, game theory, philosophy, economics and history in challenging conventional wisdom about legal institutions and governmental powers. Fitts also holds the position of Judge René H.



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Himel Professor of Law at Tulane Law School. In 2018 (a year early), the Board of Tulane announced President Fitts' renewal for a second five-year term.

Tulane has extraordinary natural strengths with its range of disciplines, size and distinct character. When joining Tulane, President Fitts saw an opportunity to build on these strengths to create a leading model in higher education. He seeks to create the most interconnected living and learning environment and interdisciplinary research that takes on the most profound local and global challenges. Under Fitts' leadership, Tulane has advanced its reputation as a world-class academic environment that fosters pioneering research, intellectual cross-pollination, transformative teaching and an unmatched student experience.

### **ROBERT FORCE**

Robert Force is an internationally known authority on admiralty and criminal law who was a co-reporter for the Louisiana Code of Evidence and has written multiple articles and books on maritime law. Force, now director emeritus of the Maritime Law Center at Tulane, was its founding director, and he holds the only endowed chair in maritime law in the United States. He taught at Temple and Indiana law schools before joining the Tulane Law faculty in 1969. He served as Tulane's acting dean in 1977-78. Earlier in his career, because of his criminal law expertise, he was named special master to the U.S. District Court for a major case involving Orleans Parish prison conditions. He has co-authored two landmark texts, *The Law of Seamen* and *The Law of Maritime Personal Injuries*, both now in their fifth edition. He also prepared a monograph on Admiralty and Maritime Law for federal judges at the invitation of the Federal Judicial Center. And his international work includes helping to write the maritime codes for Panama and China. The Seamen's Church Institute in 2001 named Force a maritime law legend. The President of Panama in 2002 designated him a member of the Order de Vasco Nunez de Balboa. And a book, *Jurisdiction and Forum Selection Clauses in International Maritime Law*, contains a series of essays honoring Force. He received the Louisiana Bar Foundation's 2014 Distinguished Professor Award.

### **DAVID FUCHS**

David Fuchs has served as Regional President of International Marine Underwriters Gulf Region in New Orleans since 1997. He is responsible for the overall performance of the regional office in all of their marine undertakings including but not limited to Hull, P & I, Marine Primary and Excess Liabilities, Marina Program, and Cargo. David works direct with retail insurance producers across the Gulf region as well as he oversees multiple Managing General Agents where his company has an underwriting partnership.

David began his insurance career with Southern Marine & Aviation Underwriters in 1989 after graduating with an MBA from Loyola University in New Orleans. David completed his undergraduate studies at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After Southern Marine & Aviation Underwriters David worked for a short time in southern California for Underwriters Reinsurance Corporation and for Global Special Risks in New Orleans before joining International Marine Underwriters.

David enjoys everything New Orleans and an occasional round of golf.

### **SAMUEL GIBERGA**

Mr. Giberga is Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, and General Counsel for Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. Prior to joining Hornbeck, Mr. Giberga was a partner in the firm of Fishman Haygood, LLP. Additionally, Mr. Giberga serves as Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount.

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### **CAPTAIN SHANNON GILREATH**

CAPT Gilreath currently serves as the Chief of Staff of the Eighth Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA. The Eighth District is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states including the Gulf coastline from the panhandle of Florida to Mexico and the adjacent offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and Tennessee River systems.

CAPT Gilreath's previous assignments include Chief of the of the Coast Guard's Office of Maritime and International Law at Coast Guard Headquarters where he was responsible for mission law advice to senior Coast Guard leaders and led the U.S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization; Sector Commander and Deputy of Sector Honolulu; Chief of Prevention Law within the Office of Maritime and International Law; Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge; Staff Attorney at the Eighth District Legal Office; Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Office New Orleans; and deck watch officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND. In 2005, he served as a unified commander for a multi-agency task force conducting urban search and rescue operations in the New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina.

A 1991 graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a B.S. in Government, he received his Juris Doctorate degree with honors from Tulane Law School in 2001 and is a member of the bar association in the state of Louisiana. He has also completed a one year fellowship as a Senior Military Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a non-partisan think tank based in Washington, DC.

Captain Gilreath's military awards include three Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, a Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He was honored by the Judge Advocates Association with the Coast Guard Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award in 2011.

### **STEPHEN HACKETT**

Stephen Hackett joined Standard Chartered Bank in March 2011 as Head of Structured Finance, Americas. In addition to maintaining his original role, Stephen is now the Head of Corporate Finance, Americas. Steve is responsible for managing the Leveraged & Structured Solutions, Project & Export Finance, Structured Finance and M&A Teams for the Americas. Stephen sits on several Management Teams within Standard Chartered Bank and holds board positions on a number of the bank's subsidiaries in the Americas. During the period 1997-1999 Stephen was Managing Director and Head of Lease Advisory Europe for UBS. From 1999 to 2002, Steve was a Managing Director in charge of the Structured Finance group at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, based in New York. Stephen was subsequently appointed Partner at Global Capital Finance, a boutique advisory firm in 2002, before returning to London with the Royal Bank of Scotland in 2005 as Managing Director and Head of Structured Finance Europe. Stephen began his career in the UK with the National Westminster Bank where he held numerous junior and managerial positions before joining UBS.

### **PETTER HEIER**

Petter Heier is a marine engineer/ naval architect and holds a MBA from ESCP (Ecole Superieure de Commerce de Paris). He has extensive experience within the maritime industry as a former superintendent (Grieg Star) and ship repair manager (Dubai Dry docks).

Petter founded Grieg Green in 2009 as a result of his master thesis and is now the CEO of the company. Grieg Green is a global company within environmental ship and offshore recycling. Grieg Green has grown organically over the last 10 years and have now more than 40 employees and a wide scope of services. The company has recycled more than one hundred ships and offshore units following the highest standards and according to applicable regulations.

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### **STEPHEN HERMAN**

Steve Herman practices with Herman, Herman & Katz, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The author of *America and the Law: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Herman teaches an advanced torts seminar on class actions at Loyola Law School and an advanced civil procedure course in complex litigation at Tulane. He is a past president of the Louisiana Association for Justice and a fellow of both the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Litigation Counsel of America. Herman served for six years as a Lawyer Chair for one of the Louisiana Disciplinary Board Hearing Committees and currently serves on the LSBA's standing Rules of Professional Conduct Committee. For the past nine years, he has served as Co-Liaison / Co-Lead Class Counsel for Plaintiffs in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Litigation.

### **GRADY HURLEY**

Grady Hurley is a partner in and leader of the maritime litigation and arbitration team and co-chair of the Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources Industry Team. Since 1979, he has focused on maritime, oilfield, and energy litigation.

Grady has broad-ranging dispute resolution and transactional experience at the intersection of energy and maritime law, including in areas such as offshore energy exploration, production, and distribution, where a range of complex legal, regulatory, and business issues collide. He regularly counsels clients on matters involving cargo, collision, allision, product liability, toxic tort, insurance, indemnity, death, personal injury, property damage, lease cancellation, right-of-way disputes, explosions, and multi-party complex and commercial litigation in state and federal courts. An industry thought leader, Grady is deeply involved in emerging issues such as autonomous shipping, cybersecurity, and other challenges and opportunities facing industry participants.

In his maritime practice, Grady has engaged in brown water, offshore, and blue water litigation, including drafting of briefs to the US Supreme Court on Suits in Admiralty Act cases, indemnity, and amicus briefs. Grady is also a certified mediator focused on maritime, offshore industry, and energy disputes.

As part of his oilfield practice, Grady represents pipeline companies, offshore platform operators, crewboats, drilling companies, exploration and production companies, seismic operators, catering companies, and other oilfield service concerns in transactional matters, torts, and commercial disputes. He has drafted complex maritime and energy service agreements involving vessels, pipelines, rigs, and platforms, and was actively involved in the initial litigation defining the Louisiana Oilfield Indemnity Act. Grady has represented oil companies in fishery laws and lobbying, including oyster and coastal restoration cases.

Grady has lectured extensively on risk management, discovery, ethics, indemnities, and admiralty and energy law, while remaining active in local and national bar associations. He has authored numerous publications on issues such as contracts, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) jurisdiction, and regulatory matters, and is co-author of the chapter on admiralty and maritime law in the highly regarded publication, *Business and Commercial Litigation in the Federal Courts*, which is updated and published annually by Thomson Reuters.

In recognition of the excellence of his work, numerous industry and legal publications and ratings agencies have listed him among the top practitioners, regionally and nationally.

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Grady is current secretary of the Maritime Law Association (MLA) and chaired its Offshore Industry Committee. He serves as a vice chair of the American Bar Association Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee. A past president of the Tulane Alumni Association, he is a member of the advisory council of Tulane's Admiralty Law Institute and the Tulane Maritime Law Journal board.

### **LAWRENCE KAHN**

A dynamic leader with experience in starting and growing new businesses and in transitioning small businesses to large ones, Larry is a self-described workaholic who hates waste and constantly searches for new approaches to drive efficiency and progress. He is an avid learner and has spent most of his career with a sharp focus on maritime and environmental matters.

Larry is a member of the bars of the states of New York and New Jersey and is admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and for the District of New Jersey, as well as the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuits. Larry is a Proctor Member of The Maritime Law Association of the United States and has held a variety of leadership positions with that organization and has presented scholarly articles to the MLA on many occasions. The MLA selected Larry to be the lead drafter of an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the MLA submitted to the Second Circuit on the subject of provisional remedies and the uniformity of maritime law. Larry is also a member of the International Bar Association's Maritime and Transport Law Committee and has recently published articles in that organization's newsletter.

### **ANDREW KEHAGIARAS, updated**

Andrew D. Kehagiaras is a co-founder of Roberts & Kehagiaras LLP and has 22 years of legal experience with a focus on admiralty, transportation, logistics and warehousing, cargo claims, and marine and inland marine insurance. Mr. Kehagiaras represents U.S. and foreign clients in state, federal, and international litigation and arbitration, with an emphasis on the resolution of cargo-related issues. Mr. Kehagiaras advises insurance and risk-management interests in the areas of marine and inland marine, property and casualty, commercial general liability, professional errors and omissions, and offshore captives on issues of coverage, bad faith defense, claims analysis, claims handling, allocation methodologies, risk management, regulatory compliance, and dispute resolution. Mr. Kehagiaras also serves as a court-panel and private mediator.

Mr. Kehagiaras is licensed to practice in California and Michigan, and before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and all federal district courts in California, the Tenth Circuit, the District of Colorado, and the Court of International Trade. Mr. Kehagiaras earned a Bachelor of Arts with distinction in economics from the University of Michigan—Dearborn, a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School, and a Master of Laws in Admiralty from the Tulane University School of Law. He is a Proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and chair of its Committee on Marine Insurance and General Average.

### **ANDREI KHARCHENKO**

Andrei Kharchenko is the in-house legal counsel of BBC Chartering GmbH, a world-leading shipping company in the ocean carriage of heavy lift and project cargoes. His duties include handling various cargo damage, freight, demurrage and detention claims, vessel collision and grounding claims from the time of occurrence until resolution, whether through arbitration, litigation or commercially. Kharchenko is admitted to practice in New York. He defended his doctorate dissertation in the University of Groningen

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and obtained his master in admiralty law with distinction at Tulane University. He has participated as a speaker in various conferences worldwide.

### **CAPTAIN ANDREW KINSEY**

Captain Andrew Kinsey spent over 20 years in the U.S. Merchant Marine, sailing in all licensed ranks, including 13 years as Master Unlimited Tonnage. His sailing experience was primarily with Maersk Lines, sailing as Master on three different classes of Self Geared Vessels. He also served as Master aboard two Military Sealift Command (MSC), Large Medium Speed RORO (LMSR) ships, the USNS "Sisler" and USNS "Red Cloud." He served in Operations Desert Shield & Desert Storm, Restore Hope, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and received the Merchant Marine Expeditionary Medal.

Andrew began apprenticing as a Marine Surveyor in 1997. After coming ashore in 2006, Andrew worked as an independent Marine Surveyor and joined the ACE/US Commercial Marine - Marine Advisory Service, in 2009. At ACE he was responsible for providing a wide range of Risk Control services to support the commercial book of marine business, including Cargo, Project Cargo / Marine Warranty, Hull & Machinery, Terminal Operators, and related Inland Marine LOB's.

Andrew joined Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty in June 2014 as a full time Senior Marine Risk Consultant. With AGCS Andrew focuses on Project Cargo, Ocean Marine Cargo, Hull and Marine Liability, and Marine Facility accounts. This includes working with assureds in planning and development stages; as well as in the field conducting Marine Warranty, Loss Control and Condition and Value Surveys.

Mr. Kinsey is Chairman of the AIMU Technical Services Committee, serves on the National Cargo Bureau Operations Committee and is a 1984 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Transportation / Nautical Science. He is a NAMSGlobal Certified Marine Surveyor, certified in Hull and Machinery, and Cargo as well as a Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors AMS, accredited in Tug & Barge, Hull & Machinery and Cargo. In 2019 Andrew was elected to the International Union of Marine Insurance's Loss Prevention Committee for a three year term.

### **NEAL KLING**

Neal J. Kling is a member of the firm of Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, L.L.C., in New Orleans, Louisiana with primary emphasis in the areas of commercial financing and business transactions, with a focus on maritime-related transactions. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University and Juris Doctor from Louisiana State University Law Center, where he graduated Order of the Coif and was a member of the Louisiana Law Review. Mr. Kling has been a member of the Sher Garner firm since January 1999.

Mr. Kling is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Tulane Law School, teaching Vessel Documentation and Finance. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys, a Proctor Member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, and a member of the MLA's Marine Financing Committee. Mr. Kling is also an active member of the American Bar Association's Section of Business Law where he a past Chair of the Commercial Finance Committee, and a current member of the governing Council of the Section of Business Law.

Mr. Kling has spoken extensively, both locally and nationally, on many diverse subjects including maritime finance, secured transactions, commercial transactions, and other areas related to his practice.

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### **MAURICIO GARRIDO**

Mauricio graduated from the New York Maritime College with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Naval Architecture, as well as an unlimited Marine Engineer's license. Mauricio's experience includes tenure as Naval Architect and Marine Engineer with the technical division of the Military Sealift Command (MSC) responsible for operating more than 150 vessels. He was soon promoted and joined the marine division of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) where he contributed to high profile investigations such as the grounding of the EXXON VALDEZ. Since 1990, Mauricio has actively responded to more than 400 major casualties globally including salvage, wreck removal and pollution as Casualty Surveyor, Project Manager or Salvage Master.

Garrido maintains a close relationship with maritime Authorities providing advisory services relating to emergency response and crisis management. Of note, was Mauricio's participation during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, where he was commissioned by the USCG to act as overall advisor and coordinator for salvage operations and the reopening of the Mississippi River.

Since 2008, Garrido has been acting as President of Houston-based T&T Salvage and is responsible for managing global emergency response activities in support of ship operators, authorities, port operators, and underwriters.

Mauricio is a past President and Executive Committee member of the American Salvage Association (ASA). He is also a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the North American Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA). In addition, Mauricio is an active lecturer and member of the Inter-American Committee of Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS).

### **PATRICIA KREBS**

Patricia Krebs is General Counsel for the Celtic Group. Prior to joining the Celtic Group, Ms. Krebs practice law at the firm of King & Jurgens, LLC.

Patricia Krebs has forged a high-profile history as a leading attorney in her field, as reflected by her recognition as the first woman to receive the New Orleans Bar Association Distinguished Maritime Lawyer Award, which is only one of the numerous awards she has garnered over the years. She has been named on the peer-reviewed *The Best Lawyers in America* list for the last six years. Additionally, she has been named on the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* list for over a decade, and has been among the top 25 women on the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* list from 2012-2018.

Her contributions to the Bar have been many, including serving as past President of both the New Orleans Bar Association and Louisiana Bar Foundation. Of further note is her service for two terms as President of the Fulbright Association National Board, and her long-term service on the Board of Directors of Covenant House New Orleans, where she also served as president for four years. Currently, Patricia is serving as the Planning Committee Chair for the 28th Biennial Admiralty Law Institute.

### **EDWARD "BRET" LeBRETON**

Edward has represented assureds, underwriters, and other industry participants in a broad range of disputes involving hull, cargo, builder's risk, P&I, MEL, CGL, control of well, and excess and umbrella policies. He has given opinions regarding coverage, prepared reservations of rights, and advised lenders with respect to the insurance aspects of maritime finance transactions. From 1990 to 1994, Edward served

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as chairman of the US Maritime Law Association sub-committee on P&I insurance and, from 1994 to 1998, as chairman of the organization's standing committee on marine insurance and general average.

In non-marine insurance, Edward has represented insureds and underwriters with respect to property, general liability excess, pollution, fidelity bond, and title coverage questions. He also defends insureds under general and other liability policies.

Edward is an experienced maritime attorney who has represented numerous vessel, charter, and cargo interests. He has obtained judgments for carriers on the basis of error in navigation, customary freight unit, and lack of a recoverable property interest, as well as for charter and cargo interests recovering for the loss of packaged and bulk shipments.

He has litigated collision, removal of wreck, pollution, products liability, and other vessel-related cases in inland and blue-water settings; prosecuted complaints for exoneration from limitation of liability and obtained judgments of no fault in collision cases; and has arrested vessels in the assertion of various maritime liens, including those arising from charter parties.

Edward has defended numerous personal injury cases involving jury and judge trials, including claims that have arisen in inland waters and ocean trades and include limitations on the rights of foreign seamen. Such matters have involved a variety of injuries, including toxic torts, as well as issues of contract and indemnity and the application of the Louisiana and Texas anti-indemnity statutes.

In the energy field, Edward has prosecuted and defended control of well and loss/delayed production claims. He also has defended personal injury claims arising on offshore and inland rigs, including fire and explosion, defended claims involving damage to production equipment and underground pipelines, and obtained a substantial recovery in the capsizing of a drill barge.

In bankruptcy court, he has represented claimants and defended various adversary proceedings, including claims for preference, avoidance, and fraudulent transfer.

### **WILLIAM MAHLEY**

Bill Mahley is a litigator whose primary areas of practice are maritime and energy transactions and litigation, insurance and commercial litigation. He is co-leader of the firm's Maritime Industry Team.

He is admitted in the U.S. Supreme Court and the 5th and 11th Circuits. He has handled matters in state and federal courts in more than 15 states, including injury, collision cargo and contract cases. He is a Proctor in the Maritime Law Association of the United States and has been recognized among the Best Lawyers in America for Admiralty and Maritime Law by Best Lawyers. He has successfully prosecuted two cases on behalf of a "physical suppliers" of bunkers following the collapse of OW Bunkers.

### **DAVID MEYER**

David Meyer became the 22nd Dean of Tulane Law School in 2010. Dean Meyer's expertise relates to constitutional law and family law, and he has written extensively on topics at the intersection of the two fields. He served as U.S. national reporter on family law at several congresses of the International Academy of Comparative Law, including Washington (2010), Utrecht (2006) and Brisbane (2002), and he has delivered endowed lectures or keynote addresses at BYU, Florida, Hofstra, Michigan State and other venues.

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Before coming to Tulane, Meyer was on the faculty of the University of Illinois College of Law, where he also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He has been a visiting professor at George Washington University and Brooklyn Law Schools and is a member of the American Law Institute. Prior to entering academia, he served as a legal advisor at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague and practiced law in Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

He was a law clerk for Judge Harry T. Edwards on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White.

Meyer graduated with a B.A. with Highest Honors in History and a J.D. magna cum laude from the University of Michigan, where he also served as editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review.

### **LAURA MILLER**

Laura Miller is an associate in the Litigation Group. Since joining Seward & Kissel in 2016, Laura's practice has focused primarily on complex commercial litigation, government investigations, and regulatory inquiries. Laura also has significant experience in maritime litigation arising from the collapse of the O.W. Bunker Group, as part of the team representing ING Bank N.V., as Security Agent, in over two dozen lawsuits pending in the district courts and the Second, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits.

Laura received a B.A. from Cornell University and a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she was both a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a James Kent Scholar. Prior to joining Seward & Kissel, Laura was a litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Laura is admitted to practice in the State of New York and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

### **FRANCIS X. NOLAN, III**

Francis X Nolan, III is President of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and is a resident shareholder in the New York office of Vedder Price P.C. Admitted to the bar in New York and California for over 40 years, he is a member of the Firm's global transportation finance team. Frank has extensive experience in the financing of a wide variety of transportation assets and projects, including all types of vessels, drill rigs, locomotives and rolling stock, containers and related equipment. He represents clients in financing transactions for vessels under the US flag and numerous foreign flags, under bareboat charter registries and under restricted flags, such as the US Jones Act trades.

In recent years, Frank led drafting of the financing charter provisions of both the Marshall Islands and Liberian laws currently in force. He is a titular member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI). He served on the CMI International Working Group (IWG) on Judicial Sales of Vessels and currently chairs CMI's IWG on Vessel Nomenclature. At the request of the U.S. State Department, Mr. Nolan has served as an adviser and delegate of the United States at sessions of UNCITRAL Working Group VI in New York and Vienna, Austria considering a Convention for Recognition of Judicial Sales of Ships.

Frank has authored a number of articles on a variety of subjects, taught admiralty law for a number of years and lectures frequently in the United States, Europe and Latin America on transportation finance and related subjects and authored a chapter entitled "Financing of Vessels" in Matthew Bender's Treatise, "Equipment Leasing" and authored "The Last Half Century of Financing Vessels" published in 2017 by the Tulane Law Review. Mr. Nolan is frequently recognized as a leading authority on maritime law by



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publications such as Chambers USA, the Guide to the World's Leading Shipping & Maritime Lawyers and Super Lawyers. In 2018, Tradewinds recognized Frank as one of the ten most influential maritime lawyers in the world.

Frank holds an A.B. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law. He clerked for the Honorable Walter T. McGovern, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington.

### **STEWART PECK**

Stewart Peck focuses on bankruptcy, restructuring, and creditors' rights; admiralty and maritime; marine finance and vessel documentation; asset-based finance; litigation, corporate and commercial law; and oil and gas.

Stewart has been practicing law in New Orleans for more than 40 years. He is a 1974 graduate of Kenyon College, magna cum laude, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated top in his class in 1977 from Tulane Law School where he was elected to the Order of the Coif and was a member of the Tulane Law Review.

Stewart has been lead trial and appellate counsel in over 80 reported cases in the federal and state courts. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America, Best Lawyers in New Orleans, Louisiana Super Lawyers, and Chambers USA. He has participated in oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit 19 times, as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the Louisiana Courts of Appeal. He is either presently acting or has previously acted as debtor's lead counsel or creditors' counsel in a number of Chapter 11 bankruptcies involving companies operating in and outside of the Gulf Coast region. These cases include a number of large reorganizations, including Torch Offshore, Inc., Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Co., Inc., Gulf Fleet Holdings, Inc., Trico Marine Services, Inc., Force Energy, Inc., and Borders Group, Inc. Stewart has also handled significant marine finance transactions, as well as substantial mergers and acquisitions. He acts as general counsel to a number of regional businesses in providing counsel and his legal expertise.

Mr. Peck has previously served as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee for the New Orleans Bar Association.

### **RAND PIXA**

Rand R. Pixa serves as the Maritime Administration's senior career lawyer in the position of Deputy Chief Counsel and Acting Chief Counsel in that official's absence. Prior to joining the Maritime Administration in 2006, he served as a special assistant to the Chief Counsel of the Army Corps of Engineers, a Justice Department trial attorney in admiralty and aviation practice, and in various positions in the Navy as an officer afloat, as Admiralty Counsel of the Navy, as the Judge Advocate General's Corps Chief Information Officer and Inspector General, and as a senior international legal advisor and general manager prior to retirement in the rank of Captain.

Mr. Pixa is an occasional lecturer at the International Maritime Law Institute and a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute. With an avid interest in maritime history, he advanced enactment of the Sunken Military Craft Act and in his present capacity is a strong advocate for tapping the potential of vessel automation and building the U.S. vessel automation industry.

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### **REBECCA PSKOWSKI**

Rebecca P. Pskowski is a civilian attorney-advisor at United States Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, DC. Ms. Pskowski received her LL.M. in Admiralty from Tulane University Law School, her J.D. from Harvard Law School, and her B.A. in English from the University of Chicago. She clerked for the Honorable Charles S. Haight, Jr. of the Southern District of New York, and is licensed to practice law in Maryland and Massachusetts. Ms. Pskowski is also a merchant mariner and holds a 1600-ton Oceans Mate's license.

### **WILLIAM "BILL" PUGH**

Bill Pugh handles complex maritime and energy-related matters for oil and gas producers and other Texas, Louisiana and Gulf region businesses, including contract disputes, insurance disputes and energy transactions. He has earned a reputation for responsiveness, an ability to translate complicated concepts and for having extensive, pioneering experience analyzing, drafting and reviewing sophisticated energy-related contracts and insurance, indemnity and other contract issues.

His practice includes master service agreements, onshore and offshore drilling contracts, charters, flight service agreements, onshore and offshore construction contracts and other maritime and energy-related agreements. He has also helped international and domestic corporations, which often become Bill's long-term clients, integrate their contracts internally and following mergers or assignment of contracts (such as drilling contracts).

"Anti-indemnity statutes vary from state to state," Bill notes, "often with nuanced pitfalls. One of my jobs is to offer our client ways to maximize its allocation of risk through indemnity and insurance."

Bill was managing partner of the firm's Houston office and served several terms on Liskow's Board of Directors.

### **LARRY RIGDON**

Larry Rigdon has over 40 years of experience in the offshore support vessel (OSV) industry supporting offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production. In 2002 Mr. Rigdon founded Rigdon Marine Corporation after retiring from Tidewater, Inc. as Executive Vice President. Rigdon Marine grew to 20 modern diesel-electric, DP-2 platform supply vessels (PSVs) and 8 large fast crew supply vessels (FCSVs) and in June 2008 the Company was sold to GulfMark Offshore Inc. at an enterprise value of \$560 million.

In 2011 Mr. Rigdon advised Lee Jackson and Matthew Rigdon during the founding and growth of Jackson Offshore Holdings, LLC, an owner and operator of five (5) deepwater PSVs and operator of two (2) FCSVs. He was active as an advisor, consultant and Board Member for Jackson Offshore Operators, LLC until he resigned to join the Tidewater Inc. Board of Directors when the Company exited bankruptcy in July 2017. Mr. Rigdon served as interim CEO of Tidewater from October 2017 until March 2018 and focused on cost reduction and positioning Tidewater for long-term survival during the search for a CEO. In October 2019 he became Chairman of the Board of Tidewater Inc.

Tidewater owns and operates one of the largest fleets of Offshore Support Vessels in the industry, with over 60 years of experience supporting offshore energy exploration and production activities worldwide.

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In addition, he serves on the Board and Professional Rental Tools, LLC (PRT) an oilfield service provider specializing in deepwater offshore well completion and intervention with an exclusive line of equipment and technical services. He previously served on the Boards of Jackson Offshore, GulfMark Offshore Inc. and Terresolve Technologies Ltd.

### **DANIEL RODGERS**

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Dan obtained his J.D. from Tulane University and an A.B. from Dartmouth College.

### **DAVID SHARPE**

From our New Orleans office, David focuses on marine insurance coverage; marine finance and vessel documentation; bankruptcy, restructuring, and creditors' rights; admiralty and maritime; and international and cross-border law. He represents clients that own, operate, charter, or employ vessels, and helps them understand and manage their risks in the United States, Gulf of Mexico, and worldwide offshore maritime oilfield and alternative-energy markets.

Originally from Bethesda, Maryland, David attended Tulane University in New Orleans, graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, David worked for several years at Motorola Communications in Houston, Texas, where as a systems engineer, he helped design and implement radio systems for commercial and public safety customers in the U.S. Gulf Coast region and offshore energy markets.

In 1987, David began his law studies at George Washington University's National Law Center in Washington, D.C. In 1990, David graduated with honors with a Juris Doctor and returned to New Orleans, where he has practiced admiralty and maritime law ever since.

David's law practice concentrates on maritime contracts (time and bareboat charter parties, master service contracts, insurance and indemnity agreements, marine-insurance coverage, and ship sale and finance) and related commercial litigation (maritime liens, vessel arrest and attachment, and mortgage foreclosure).

David also remains involved with academia and teaches a course on towage and offshore service law at Tulane Law School, where he is an adjunct professor of law. David is a co-editor of the current West Publishing casebook, "Cases & Materials on Admiralty" (Healy, Sharpe, Sharpe & Winship – 5th Ed. 2012) and the Handbook of Maritime Laws & Forms (West 2007). David has published numerous articles, and he travels worldwide to speak and teach on issues such as offshore supply vessel contracts, vessel-construction contracts, and indemnity agreements.

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### **ROBERT VEAL**

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Robert is a double graduate of Southampton having undertaken the LL.B and LL.M in Maritime Law which is passed with distinction. He has also passed the Bar Professional Training Course (London).

Robert specializes in the legal issues pertaining to the use of marine autonomous systems. These include everything from smaller scale autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) to larger unmanned surface vehicles (USVs) as well as unmanned ships in excess of 500grt, with varying levels of autonomy. His expertise spans both commercial and military applications of unmanned marine technology.

Robert is a member of the Comité Maritime International, International Working Group on Unmanned Ships and has represented the NGO at the IMO (MSC and LEG). He also advises the UK's Marine Autonomous Systems Regulatory Working Group (MASRWG).

### **JASON WAGUESPACK**

Jason P. Waguespack is the current Managing Director of Galloway Johnson Thompkins Burr & Smith.

Although Jason spends a majority of his time overseeing the operations of the Firm, he still maintains an active law practice based in New Orleans and Houston that focuses primarily on litigation and arbitration related to all aspects of maritime and international law. He concentrates in the representation of owners, charterers, operators, P&I clubs and other marine insurers in all types of marine casualty losses and contract disputes, including collisions, cargo claims, charter party disputes, regulatory and environmental matters, and personal injuries. In addition to maritime and international law, Jason has extensive experience in corporate law and insurance defense, particularly property damage claims. He serves as national counsel to several clients with ongoing international interests, advising them not only on arbitration and litigation matters, but also on transactional matters related to business organization, operation, formation, and acquisition, as well as sales, supply, service, and carriage arrangements. He has multiple reported cases and often serves as a lecturer at various marine and insurance seminars. He has been honored by his peers with an AV rating in Martindale Hubbell for his preeminence in the law, and is the recipient of many professional awards and distinctions, including being named a Louisiana Super Lawyer multiple times by Louisiana Life Magazine, a New Orleans Top Lawyer multiple times by New Orleans Magazine, and receiving the Leadership in the Law medal from New Orleans City Business. Jason is licensed to practice in all Louisiana state and federal courts. He is also admitted to and has practiced before federal district courts in Texas, Mississippi, Illinois, New York and Florida, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Eleventh, and Second Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.

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Jason is a member of the Louisiana State, New Orleans, and Federal Bar Associations, a Proctor in the Maritime Law Association of the United States, a member of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, a Fellow in the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the New Orleans Bar Foundation, a member of the Louisiana Association of Defense counsel, and a member of the Mariner's Club for the Port of New Orleans and the Propeller Club for the Port of New Orleans.

In addition to being the Managing Director of Galloway Johnson, Jason serves in leadership positions in multiple professional and civic organizations, including the President of the New Orleans Bar Association; a member of the Board of Directors and President-Elect of NOAGE, Inc., an organization established to assist elders; a member of the Board of Directors of Project Lazarus, a transitional housing organization operated by the Archdiocese of New Orleans; and a member of the International Business Committee of the World Trade Center of the City of New Orleans. He is a past member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments of the City of New Orleans and a past member of the City of New Orleans Zoning and Technical Advisory Committee during the drafting of the City's Master Plan for the 21st Century.

Jason is an associate professor of law at Tulane University School of Law. There, he teaches the course on charter parties to upperclassmen and graduate students. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty at the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business, where he teaches a course on international business law, with a focus on international transactions and transportation. He serves on the board of advisors of the Loyola University School of Law's Maritime Law Journal and was a past member of the board of advisors of the Maritime Law Practitioner. He enjoys working with his students and has served as a mentor to several after they graduated and started their careers.

Jason is dedicated to historic preservation and the support of the arts in New Orleans, and is a member of the Library Society of the New Orleans Public Library Foundation; a member of the Laussat Society of the Historic New Orleans Collection; a member of the President's Circle of the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans; a Fellow with the New Orleans Museum of Art; a member of the Collectors' Club of the Contemporary Arts Center; a member of the Richardson Society of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art; and a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society.

### **HAROLD "HAL" WATSON**

The Immediate Past President of the Maritime Law Association of the United States ([mlaus.org](http://mlaus.org)), Harold "Hal" Watson is a partner in Chaffe McCall's Houston office and the Practice Area Coordinator for the firm's Admiralty & Maritime section. He focuses his practice on areas of maritime law, with a special emphasis in marine and energy insurance law. His experience includes handling matters related to marine and energy insurance claims in numerous states across the U.S., as well as claims in Canada, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, and other countries. He is recognized as one of the world's leading authority on removal of wreck claims, having been lead counsel in *Continental Oil Company v. Bonanza Corp.*, 706 F.2d 1365 (5th Cir. 1983) and *Grupo Protexa, S.A. v. All American Marine Slip*, 20 F.3d 1224 (3rd Cir. 1994). He has also served as lead counsel for the London insurance market on wreck-removal issues in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Hal has handled significant claims involving: builders' risk; hull damage; protection and indemnity; general average; general and excess liability and control-of-well and other energy insurance claims.

Hal graduated third in his class from Louisiana State University Law School, where he served as an associate editor of the Louisiana Law Review, and authored articles that have been cited by the Supreme

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Court of the United States. He started his legal career as a law clerk to the Hon. Alvin B. Rubin of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. After his postgraduate work at Yale Law School, he joined the Admiralty section at an international law firm with offices throughout the country.

### **JOHN WOODS**

John Woods concentrates his practice in maritime law and insurance and reinsurance litigation and arbitration. He principally represents US and foreign insurers in the areas of maritime hull, liability, cargo, pollution, war risk, loss of earnings and environmental claims. He has significant experience in cases involving shipbuilding contracts and third party marine liability.

John also has broad experience in cases involving oil spills, hazardous substance discharges and OPA and CERCLA claims. He has litigated claims by and against the National Pollution Fund Center.

John has handled litigations involving major maritime casualties and claims in courts across the United States, and has counseled clients involved in litigations in foreign courts. Recent instructions include cases arising out of the World Trade Center disaster and Hurricane Katrina, including a successful coverage action over claims arising from the flooding of New Orleans. He has argued appeals in the New York appellate courts (including the New York Court of Appeals) and five of the US Courts of Appeal.

In addition, John represents clients in arbitration, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He also serves as an arbitrator and mediator. In non-maritime insurance counselling, his principal areas of expertise include political risk insurance, aviation and space, energy and professional indemnity insurance.

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