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Experience

Mr. Giles practices primarily in the areas of maritime law and business litigation, and has experience helping businesses of all kinds and individuals resolve their disputes, both through litigation and mediation. He has represented clients before various Federal and State courts, the Office of Administrative Hearings in Maryland, and before the U.S. Coast Guard. He has experience handling virtually every kind of maritime dispute, including, but not limited to, cargo claims, arrest and attachment proceedings, limitation of liability proceedings, marine death and personal injury claims, collision and allision cases, salvage claims, marine insurance claims, suits involving breaches of maritime contracts and charter parties, marine products liability claims, license suspension and revocation proceedings, recreational boating claims, and vessel excise tax claims. In addition to his maritime practice, Mr. Giles also has handled various business litigation matters including, but not limited to, contract disputes, fraud and fraudulent conveyance claims, representation of creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, legal malpractice cases, and claims against airline carriers.

Admitted

- 2008, United States Supreme Court
- 2001, United States District Court, District of Columbia
- 2000, United States Court of Appeals For Fourth Circuit
- 2000, District of Columbia
- 1998, United States District Court of Maryland
- 1998, Maryland

Education

- University of Baltimore Law School (J.D., 1997)
- Frostburg State University (B.S., 1994)

Affiliations, Associations & Special Achievements

- Propeller Club of the United States, International
 - Executive Committee (2008-present)
 - o Third Vice President (2007-2008)
 - o Convention Chairman, 2008 International Propeller Club Convention

- Propeller Club of the United States, Baltimore Chapter
 - o Trustee, Charitable Trust Board (2005-present)
 - o President of Charitable Trust Board (2004-2005)
 - o President (2003-2004)
 - o Executive Vice President (2002-2003)
 - o Board of Directors (2001-2002, 2009)
 - o Member of Scholarship Committee (2001-present)
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
 - o Proctor in Admiralty
 - o Vice Chair, Marine Ecology and Criminal Law Committee (2008-present)
 - Secretary, Marine Ecology and Criminal Law Committee (2004-2008)
 - o Chair, Young Lawyers Committee (2009-present)
 - o Vice Chair, Young Lawyers Committee (2007-2009)
 - Secretary, Young Lawyers Committee (2005-2007)
 - o Member of Uniformity Committee
 - Member of Stevedoring and Ship Services Committee
 - o Member of Planning and Arrangements Committee (2008-present)
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute (SEALI)
 - o Board of Directors (2008-present)
- Baltimore Maritime Museum
 - o Advisory Board Member (2001-2005)
- Baltimore Port Alliance
- Arthritis Foundation, Maryland Chapter
 - o Board of Directors (2005-present)
 - Public Policy Committee (2004-present)
 - o Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner Planning Committee (2002-2003)
- Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce
 - o Planning Committee for Port Person of the Year Luncheon (2002-present)
 - Member of Marketing Committee
- Maryland State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Committee
- Bar Association of Baltimore City, Young Lawyers Division

Honors and Awards

- 2009, 2010 Maryland Super Lawyers Rising Stars
- 2008, President's Citation for Outstanding Service, International Propeller Club