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W. Brett Mason practices in the areas of Admiralty and Maritime Law and Insurance Defense. He attended Washington and Lee University where he received his Bachelor of Arts in European History in 1990. He received his J.D. from Tulane University in 1993 and his Master of Laws in Admiralty in 1994. He is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state and federal courts, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Maritime Law Association of the United States, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel and the American Bar Association.

EDUCATION

Washington and Lee University - 1990 B.A. European History

Tulane University School of Law - 1993 J.D.

Tulane University School of Law - 1994 LL.M. Admiralty

EXPERIENCE

Partner - Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson

Represented barge charterer in limitation of liability action and class action suits resulting from alleged release/emission from barge.

Defended chemical company in a suit for damages resulting from an alleged release of EDC from a barge and/or loading dock into the Mississippi River.

Represented casino boats in the defense of claims under the Jones Act and general maritime law.

Represented banks to enforce preferred ship mortgages.

Represented importer of steel in demurrage claims

Assisted importer of cement with negotiations of charter party.

Represented ship yard in disputes over vessel construction contracts

Represented barge owner/charter in disputes over cargo damage.

Represented cement importer in property damage suit resulting from a barge breakaway.

Represented owner of a wharf on the Mississippi River in suit for damages to dock caused by allisions.

Represented platform owners in the defense of claims under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

Negotiated charter agreement(s) on behalf of a pilot association.

Practice includes defense of personal injury and property damage claims, maritime environmental/toxic tort claims and maritime commercial litigation with trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts.

ACTIVITIES/HONORS

Member - United States Maritime Law Association

Member - Board of Directors, Special Olympics Louisiana, January 2001 to present.

Member - Board of Directors, Propeller Club of the United States Port of New Orleans, 2003 to present.

Member - Wex Malone American Inns of Court

Member - Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel