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He is admitted to practice in Supreme Court of U.S., Courts of Appeal for the Second, Third and Ninth Cir., S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y., N.D.N.Y., and all New York State Courts.

He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is a member of the permanent advisory board of The Admiralty Law Institute of Tulane University School of Law. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Seamen's Church Institute and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Center for Seafarers' Rights of the Seamen's Church Institute. He is also an Associate Editor of American Maritime Cases. Mr. Hooper was President of The Maritime Law Association of the United States from May 1994 until May 1996 and is a Titulary member of the Comité Maritime International.

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