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### Practice Areas

Admiralty & Maritime

Construction

Energy

Products Liability

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### Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1997

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### Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,  
Louisiana State University,  
J.D., 1997, Order of the Coif;  
Senior Editor, *Louisiana Law  
Review*, Vol. 57; Chancellor's  
List; Recipient J.Y. Sanders  
Jr. Memorial Scholarship

University of New Orleans,  
B.A., 1994

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Etienne Balart is a member of the firm's Admiralty & Maritime practice Group, focusing his practice on litigation matters. His experience spans construction litigation, insurance coverage, maritime personal injury, multi- and single-claim limitation of liability actions, third party state and OCS platform claims, vessel collisions, applications of anti-indemnity statutes, and cargo claims. Mr. Balart's practice also includes drafting and reviewing contracts in the oilfield industry, primarily vessel charter parties and towage contracts, as well as advising clients of regulatory compliance issues and vessel documentation and certification issues. He has practiced law since 1997, including one year of service as a law clerk to Judge W. Eugene Davis of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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### Publications

- "Celestine v. Union Oil Co. of California: Repairmen and the Unreasonable Risk Determination in Louisiana Strict Liability Jurisprudence"  
*57 Louisiana Law Review* 267, 1996

### **Memberships**

- American Bar Association
  - Energy Bar Association
  - Federal Bar Association
  - Louisiana State Bar Association
  - Maritime Law Association of the United States
  - New Orleans Bar Association
  - Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
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### **Court Admissions**

5th Cir., 1998

E.D. La., 1998

M.D. La., 1998

W.D. La., 1998

