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**Practice Areas**

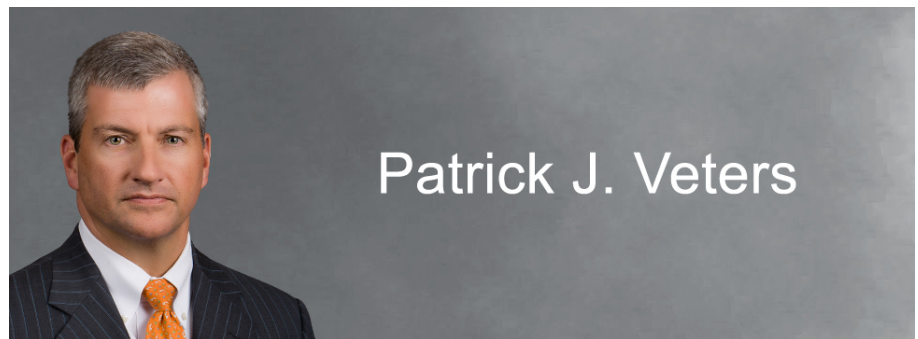
Business & Commercial  
Litigation  
Labor & Employment  
Products Liability

**Bar Admissions**

Louisiana, 1986

**Education**

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,  
Louisiana State University,  
J.D., 1986  
Tulane University, B.A., 1983



Pat Veters is a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group. He has extensive experience representing clients in a wide array of industries before the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). In particular, he is frequently asked to assist companies during on-site safety and health investigations, as well as in subsequent litigation, with the Department of Labor.

Mr. Veters has defended clients in state and federal courts, as well as in state and federal administrative agencies. As a result, Mr. Veters and the firm have developed relationships not only with local governmental agency regulators, but also with those individuals on the regional and national levels.

Mr. Veters has handled cases in different jurisdictions throughout the United States and has also had the opportunity to argue before the United States Supreme Court against the Department of Labor in the case of *Elaine Chao v. Mallard Bay Drilling*. In addition, he assists clients in developing safety and health policies and procedures, contingency plans for responding to employee complaints, and he conducts safety and health audits that include a review of required OSHA written programs for completeness. Mr. Veters defends employers who have been issued citations and penalties by OSHA. He has litigated cases against OSHA at all levels, including the OSHA Review Commission and federal appellate courts. Mr. Veters has had the opportunity to argue before the United States Supreme Court in a case that defined the permissible jurisdictional boundaries between OSHA and the U.S. Coast Guard. He has also successfully negotiated settlement agreements with OSHA at the pre-citation stage and after citations have been issued.

In addition to his OSHA practice, Mr. Veters focuses on the areas of general litigation, with an emphasis on maritime personal injury as well as tort and commercial litigation. He serves as secretary of the board of directors of the

Greater New Orleans YMCA and is on the Willwoods Community Board of Trustees. He is also a board member of Holy Cross College.

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#### **Noteworthy**

- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**
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#### **Presentations**

- June Labor & Employment Workshops in Baton Rouge  
Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge, June 20, 2012
  - May Labor & Employment Workshops in New Orleans  
Jones Walker New Orleans Offices–52nd Floor, May 22, 2012
  - "Compliance 101: How to Stay in Business...and Out of Hot Water"  
(Birmingham)  
Birmingham Marriott Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, October 26, 2011
  - "Compliance 101: How to Stay in Business...and Out of Hot Water"  
(Mobile)  
The Battle House Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, October 25, 2011
  - "Mid-Term Congressional Elections Mean Changes, But Not Necessarily  
The Changes You Want" (Baton Rouge)  
Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 9, 2011
  - "Mid-Term Congressional Elections Mean Changes, But Not Necessarily  
The Changes You Want" (New Orleans)  
Inn on Bourbon, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12, 2011
  - "The Times They Are A-Changing: Change is What the Obama  
Administration Promised, and Change is What We've Got" (Baton  
Rouge)  
June 3, 2010
  - "The Times They Are A-Changing: Change is What the Obama  
Administration Promised, and Change is What We've Got" (New  
Orleans)  
Jones Walker, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 11, 2010
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#### **Publications**

- "Uninspected Vessel OSHA Self-Inspection Check Lists"  
*Loyola Maritime Law Journal* Vol. II, No. 1, Spring 2003

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### **Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Federal Bar Association
- Greater New Orleans YMCA (Secretary, Board of Directors)
- Holy Cross College (Board Member)
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Willwoods Community (Board of Trustees)

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### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Supreme Court, 1990

5th Cir., 1986

E.D. La., 1986

M.D. La., 1986

W.D. La., 1986

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