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Practice Areas

Admiralty & Maritime

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 has extensive experience representing clients in a wide array of industries before the Occupational Safety & Health Administration. 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 national and regional level.

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 vs. 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 which 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 which defined the permissible jurisdictional boundaries between OSHA and the Coast Guard. He has also successfully negotiated settlement agreements with OSHA both at the pre-citation stage as well as 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.

Noteworthy

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Presentations

- Certificate in HR Management
Council on Education in Management, August 2004
 - Certificate in Employment Law
Council on Education in Management, November 2003
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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

