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### Practice Areas

Admiralty & Maritime

Construction

Energy, Environment &  
Natural Resources

Energy: Oil & Gas

Products Liability

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### Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1987

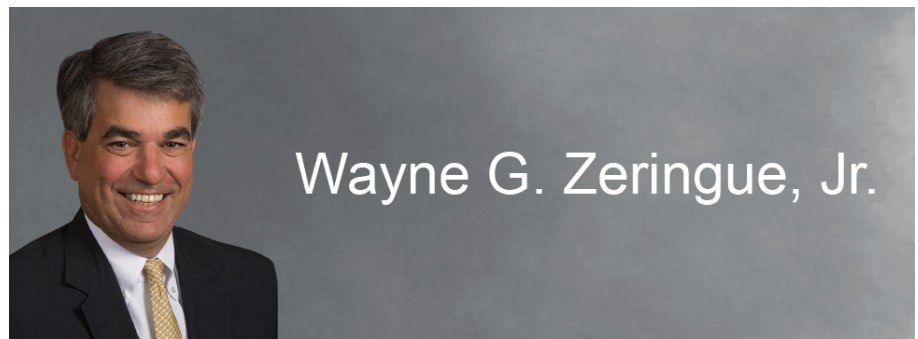
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### Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,  
Louisiana State University,  
J.D., 1987

Louisiana State University, E.  
J. Ourso College of Business,  
B.S. in Petroleum Land  
Management, 1983

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Wayne Zeringue has more than twenty-five years of experience in admiralty and maritime, construction, oil and gas, and products liability. Mr. Zeringue has represented shipyards, oil companies, exploration and production companies, builders, owners, barge lines, towing companies, marine fabricators, construction companies, product manufacturers, blue water shipping interests, offshore service companies, and underwriters and insurers, both domestic and foreign. His practice involves drafting, construction and interpretation of design and construction contracts, charter parties, master service agreements, work orders, indemnity agreements, and labor agreements, as well as interpretation and construction of insurance policies, including general liability, builder's risk, hull and machinery, protection and indemnity, charterer's liability, and maritime employer's liability coverages.

Mr. Zeringue has handled a wide variety of admiralty and maritime litigation, including vessel collisions and allisions, contract and charter party disputes, property and economic damage cases involving construction and repair of fixed offshore platforms, marine terminals, docks, ships, towboats, barges, and offshore service vessels, and all types of personal injury matters including Jones Act, offshore platform accidents, Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act claims, Louisiana Worker's Compensation claims, and asbestos, silicosis, and toxic tort matters.

In his construction practice, Mr. Zeringue has represented both builders and owners in trials involving change orders, liens, plans, specifications and scope of work, design issues, unpaid retainage, cost overruns, delays, liquidated damages, surety bonds, constructive total loss, and maritime arrest. Mr. Zeringue has engaged in energy litigation involving oil, gas, and mineral leases, drilling contracts, mineral servitudes, joint venture agreements, and legacy suits involving claims of environmental contamination on oil and gas production properties. He has defended tire manufacturers, both domestic and

abroad, and has litigated a variety of land-based and maritime products liability suits. He was one of the lead attorneys on Jones Walker's trial team that obtained dismissal of an oil field tool manufacturer in the multi-district litigation that arose out of the blowout of the Macondo Well.

Prior to law school, Mr. Zeringue obtained a business degree in Petroleum Land Management and worked as a landman. Mr. Zeringue has lectured at seminars directed to industry and insurance groups and in continuing education courses. He has assisted as a practitioner in trial advocacy courses at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and has taught maritime law as an adjunct professor in Tulane University's paralegal studies program.

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#### **Noteworthy**

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

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#### **Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Average Adjusters
- Federal Bar Association
- Greater New Orleans Council of the Navy League of the United States (Board of Directors)
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans
- Maritime Law Association of the United States (Member, Committee on Marine Personnel)
- New Orleans Bar Association
- New Orleans Pro Bono Project
- Propeller Club of New Orleans

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#### **Court Admissions**

5th Cir., 1987

E.D. La., 1987

M.D. La., 1987

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W.D. La., 1987

