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Practice Areas

Class Action Defense & Multi-District Litigation

Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

Energy

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

Health Care Reform Resource Center

Insurance Business, Regulatory & Government Relations Practice

Insurance Coverage and Litigation Practice

Products Liability

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia, 1991
Louisiana, 1984

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, J.D., 1984; *Louisiana Law Review*

Washington and Lee University, B.S., 1980, *cum laude*; Omicron Delta Kappa



Covert Geary is a partner in the Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group, with a practice that includes energy litigation; life, health, and disability insurance, and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) litigation; insurance coverage; professional liability; and class action litigation. In 2006, Mr. Geary received a *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leadership in Law Award.

Prior to joining Jones Walker, Mr. Geary was employed by a global public accounting firm. He graduated *cum laude* from Washington and Lee University in 1980, and from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University in 1984, where he served on the *Louisiana Law Review*. He served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Peter Beer from 1984–1985.

Mr. Geary serves as General Counsel of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, and has served on the boards of the Second Harvesters Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana, the Louisiana Children's Museum, and the Louisiana Jazz Federation.

Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc.) in the area of Commercial Litigation (listed annually since 2009)
- Listed in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Business Litigation (also listed 2007–2009, 2011)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Presentations

- "Hot Topics in Regulation and Litigation for Life Insurers"
May 2011

Publications

- "Golden Rules' of Preparing a Business Interruption Claim"
- "Business Interruption Claims Following Hurricane Losses"
Catastrophic Loss & Liability Update, HarrisMartin Publishing
- "Trial Court Decides Important Katrina-Related Insurance Issue"
E*Lert, January 11, 2007
- "The Obligation to Restore Oil and Gas Properties: The View from Louisiana and Other States"
American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources' *Energy Committees Newsletter* Vol. 3, No. 1, October 2005
- "Corbello v. Iowa Production—Lessons Learned from Louisiana"
Landman, September/October 2005
- "Bad Faith Claims Against Life and Health Insurers"
Aegon Insurance Companies MGU/TPA Newsletter, 1999

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Member, Sections of Litigation, Natural Resources Law, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice, and Public Contract Law; Past Chair, Life Insurance Law Committee)
- American Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- Defense Research Institute (Member, Life, Health and Disability Insurance Committee)
- Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana (General Counsel, 2003 to date)
- Federal Bar Association
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Louisiana Children's Museum (Board Member, 1992–1998)
- Louisiana Jazz Federation (Former Board Member)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, Section of Mineral Law)
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans (Board Member, 1985–1997)

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court, 2009

5th Cir., 1986

10th Cir., 1998
E.D. La., 1985
M.D. La., 1986
W.D. La., 1987
E.D. Mich., 2006
N.D. Tex., 1999
S.D. Tex., 1999

