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Practice Areas

Admiralty & Maritime

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Energy

Energy, Environment &
Natural Resources

Environmental & Toxic Torts

Products Liability

Bar Admissions

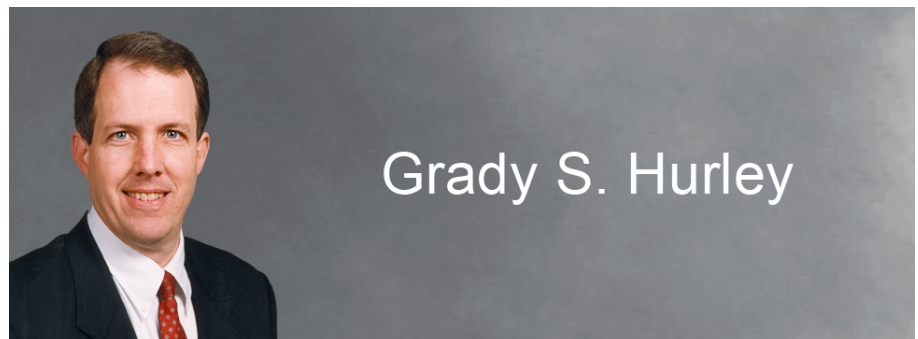
Louisiana, 1979

Education

Tulane University Law
School, LL.M., 1981

Tulane University Law
School, J.D., 1979;
Representative, University
Senate; Vice Justice, Phi
Alpha Delta

Tulane University, B.A.,
1976; President, Associated
Student Body; Omicron Delta
Kappa; Kappa Delta Phi; Phi
Alpha Theta



Grady Hurley has practiced primarily in the areas of maritime, oilfield, and energy litigation since 1979. His varied experience has included cargo, collision, allision, product liability, toxic tort, insurance, indemnity, death, personal injury, property damage, lease cancellation, right-of-way disputes, explosions, and multi-party complex and commercial litigation in state and federal courts. In his maritime practice, Mr. Hurley has engaged in both brown water, offshore, and blue water litigation, including briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court on Suits in Admiralty Act cases, indemnity, and amicus briefs to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Mr. Hurley's oilfield practice has included the representation of pipeline companies, offshore platform operators, crewboats, drilling companies, exploration and production companies, seismic operators, catering companies, and other oilfield service concerns. In an advisory capacity, he has drafted Master Service Agreements and insurance provisions, and was actively involved in the initial litigation defining the Louisiana Oilfield Indemnity Act. Mr. Hurley has represented oil companies in fishery laws and lobbying, including oyster restoration cases, wherein amicus briefs were provided to the Louisiana Supreme Court, which changed the law on remedies available to oyster fishermen.

Mr. Hurley has lectured extensively on risk management, discovery, ethics, and admiralty law, while remaining active in local and national bar associations. He has been recognized in various national and local publications.

Mr. Hurley is Past President of the New Orleans Bar Association and Inn of Court. He has served as a district representative for the Louisiana State Bar Association and was a member of the House of Delegates for the American Bar Association. He previously served as the chairman of the Maritime Law

Association (MLA) Offshore Industries Committee and as a board member of the MLA. Additionally, he participates in various civic organizations and is a past president of the Tulane Alumni Association; he currently serves on the advisory council of Tulane's Admiralty Law Institute as well as on the East Jefferson General Hospital Board of Directors.

Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Admiralty & Maritime Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, and Litigation - Construction (listed annually since 2005)
- Listed in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Transportation/Maritime (listed annually since 2007)
- Recognized as a Top Lawyer by *Litigation 2007* and *2012—A Supplement to The American Lawyer and Corporate Counsel* (Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Law)
- *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leadership in Law Award (2006)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Presentations

- "Offshore Maritime, Jurisdictional, and Construction Law Issues"
Fluor LawCon Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 9, 2011
- "Maritime Death Actions: Time for a Change?"
LSU Law Center's 9th Judge Alvin B. Rubin Conference on Maritime Personal Injury Law, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 13, 2011
- "Current Maritime Release Issues: The Effects of AmClyde and Medicare Secondary Payer Act"
Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 23, 2011
- "Procrastinators' Programs"
New Orleans Bar Association CLE Program, New Orleans, LA, December 21, 2010
- "Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension: What Every Lawyer Must Know and Do"
New Orleans Bar Association, April 17, 2010


- "Big Easy Bootcamp: Basic Training for Lawyering in New Orleans"
New Orleans Bar Association, November 2009
- "The Nuts and Bolts of Law Practice Management"
New Orleans Bar Association, October 16, 2009
- "Principles of Maritime Torts"
Lorman Education Services, May 14, 2009
- "Troubled Waters—Admiralty Law: Insurance, Pollution, and Finance Issues"
Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2009
- "Right Client, Right Terms, Right Time"
New Orleans Bar Association, Procrastinator's Program, December 2008
- Tulane University Law School Annual Professionalism Orientation
2008–2010
- "Bridging the Generation Gap"
LLTA, 2007
- "Shipbuilding and Repair Disputes"
OMSA Seminar, 2007
- "Ethics and Professionalism"
New Orleans Bar Association, Procrastinator's Program, December 2006
- "E-Discovery and Spoilation"
El Paso Pipeline Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, October 2006
- "Attorney Advertising"
New Orleans Bar Association, March 2006
- "Delivering Bad News to Clients"
New Orleans Bar Association, 2006
- "Ethical Consideration in Business Litigation"
Lorman Educational Seminar – Business Torts in Louisiana, April 22,
2005
- "Ethics Considerations in E-Discovery and Spoilation"
Lorman Commercial Litigation, January 1, 2005
- Jones Walker Hurricane Katrina Seminar
2005
- "Jones Act Sexual Harassment"
Jones Walker Seafood Seminar, April 2004
- "Oilfield Master Service Agreement"
New Orleans Bar Association, 2004

- "Shakespeare and the Law of Detrimental Reliance"
Bench/Bar Conference, 2004
- "Law Day"
Civil District Court

Publications

- "LexisNexis Expert Commentaries"
Energy Law 2008, 2008

Memberships

- American Bar Association (House Delegate, 2004–2006; Former Chairman, Subcommittee on Wrongful Death and Workman's Compensation, 1990–1992; Member, TIPS, Maritime Law Committee, Subcommittee on Collision Law; 2006 Mid-Year Planning Committee)
 - Associated Catholic Charities
 - Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit (Member, Delegate to Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference, 2002 and 2005)
 - Camp Challenge/Volunteer
 - East Jefferson General Hospital Board of Directors (2011 to date)
 - East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation (Board of Directors, 2006 to date; Executive & Finance Committee, 2009 to date)
 - Energy Bar Association
 - Federal Bar Association
 - Institute for Energy Law (Advisory Council)
 - Louisiana Bar Foundation (Fellow, 2001 to present; Member Gala Committee 2008; YLS Representative to the Board; Member, Judicial Liaison Committee, 2005–2006; Fellows Gala Committee, 2008)
 - Louisiana State Bar Association (First Board District; Representative, Young Lawyers Section, 1986–1987; Member, Executive Committee, National Mock Trial Championship, 1991; Assistant Tort Examiner, Committee on Bar Admissions, 1986 to date)
 - Mariners' Club of New Orleans
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- Maritime Law Association (Member, Board of Directors, 2005–2009; Proctor, Chairman of Offshore Industries Committee, 2004–2008; Member, Committee on Maritime Personnel, 1989 to date; Member, Young Lawyers Committee, 1989–1995; Proctor Member, 2001)
- New Orleans Bar Association (President, 2002; Vice President, 2000; Treasurer, 1998; Secretary, 1997; Member, Executive Board of Directors, 1994–1999; Chairman, Maritime Law Committee, 1990–1992; Editor, *Briefly Speaking*, 1993; Member, It's The Law Committee, 1994–2001; Chairman, Bench/Bar Conference, 2005)
- The New Orleans Bar Association American Inn of Court (President, 2003–2005)
- New Orleans Bar Foundation (President, 2007–2009; Board of Directors, 2001 to present; Vice President, 2006)
- The New Orleans Claims Association
- Offshore Marine Services Association
- The *Pro Bono* Project (Member, Board of Directors, 2001–2002; Volunteer, 2006 to date)
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute
- Southeast Admiralty Law Institute (Member, Board of Directors/Port Captain, 2003–2006)
- St. Thomas More Society
- Tulane Admiralty Law Institute (National Advisory Board and Planning Committee, 2004 to date)
- Tulane University, Alumni Association (President, 1996), Associated Student Body President (1975)
- World Trade Center, Plimsol Club

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court, 1986

5th Cir., 1980

11th Cir., 1980

E.D. La., 1979

M.D. La., 1980

W.D. La., 1980