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Jake Rodriguez, regional managing partner of the New Orleans office, concentrates his practice on maritime, environmental and energy law. In more than 20 years of practice, Jake has developed extensive experience in the areas of pollution casualties and marine environmental regulations, collisions and allisions, Jones Act, Shipowners' Limitation of Liability Act, personal injury, maritime products liability, salvage, cargo, ship construction and repair, charter and marine insurance. He has successfully represented commercial and cruise line vessel owners, operators and charterers; international and domestic marine, liability and energy underwriters; protection and indemnity clubs; and energy companies ranging from single-site operators to Global 500 corporations.

Jake also has significant experience in major offshore marine casualty response, having been a lead member of the casualty/pollution response team for BP's Thunder Horse (2005) and Deepwater Horizon responses (2010). He worked with BP from 2010 to 2014, serving concurrently as BP's legal officer within the Gulf Coast Incident Management Team/Unified Command and as counsel to BP's Gulf Coast Restoration Organization.

In more than two decades of practice, Jake has acted in numerous insurance defense and insurance coverage matters involving directors and officers, errors and omissions, commercial property and commercial general liability. Jake's experience includes cases involving coverage determinations, claims handling, settlement negotiations and bad faith avoidance, as well as litigation stemming from commercial property damage/loss in marine and non-marine contexts.

Jake teaches collision, shipowners' limitation of liability and oil pollution as an associated adjunct professor of maritime law in the LL.M. program at Tulane University School of Law.

Services

- Admiralty & Marine
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Environmental
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Toxic Tort
- Transportation

Education

- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (J.D., 2001)
 - managing editor of the Loyola Law Review; Warren E. Mouledoux Editor-in-Chief's Award for Outstanding Dedication and Service
- Loyola University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1995)

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Professional Affiliations

- Maritime Law Association
- Louisiana Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2025-2026
- Selected for inclusion in The Legal 500 United States in Shipping Litigation & Regulation Tier 3, 2023-2025
- Ranked in the Chambers USA Guide: 2022–2025, Transportation – Nationwide: Shipping/Maritime Litigation (Outside New York)
- Selected for inclusion in Louisiana Super Lawyers®, 2020
- Leadership in Law 2019, 2021, *New Orleans City Business*