



Michael Harowski

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Michael Harowski maintains an integrated practice in the fields of maritime law, environmental law, marine and pollution casualty response, insurance coverage and insurance defense. His cases involve marine casualties, collision, pollution, fire, personal injury, complex maritime products liability, oil spill response, maritime and environmental regulation, cargo claims, insurance coverage and defense, charter parties, commercial litigation, contract disputes and a wide range of transactional matters. While based in New Orleans, Mike handles cases in numerous jurisdictions around the country, in both litigation and arbitration.

A member of the firm's Emergency Response Team, Mike is on-scene within hours of an emerging crisis as part of a "go team" comprising attorneys and support personnel best equipped to handle major vessel casualties and oil spills. The team gathers information and witness insights that can help clients manage investigatory demands and fortify potential future litigation defenses. Mike contributes valuable insights and leverages his extensive exposure to federal and international regulatory investigations and pollution liability laws.

Mike also is a member of the firm's Insurance and London Market groups, focused on providing consistent, quality services nationwide to the firm's many insurance clients. In this capacity, he has handled a variety of insurance coverage and defense matters for the London Market and domestic insurers. In addition, Mike has represented insurers in all manner of suits brought under the Louisiana Direct Action Statute.

Mike serves as an Adjunct Professor at Tulane University Law School, where he teaches a course on the Maritime Law of Collision and Limitation of Liability. He also teaches a course covering the basics of Protection & Indemnity Insurance at Tulane's Summer Abroad Program in Greece, held in conjunction with the Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea.

Services

- Admiralty & Marine
- Environmental
- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense

Education

- Tulane University School of Law (J.D., 2006)
 - Charles Kohlmeyer Jr. Award to outstanding graduate in the field of maritime law; a managing editor, Tulane Maritime Law Journal
- Emory University (B.A. in Economics, 2003)

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Greater New Orleans Inc.
- World Trade Center New Orleans
- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Propeller Club of New Orleans
- Young Leadership Council
- WWNO New Orleans Public Radio, Executive Council Member, Committee Chair
- Emerging Philanthropists of New Orleans (EPNO)

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- 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 as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the Admiralty & Maritime Law area, 2020-2023
- Selected for inclusion by Super Lawyers, 2022-2023
- Selected for inclusion by *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2014–2016
- New Orleans City Business Leadership in Law, 2015
- Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Spotlight, 2011