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Location
New Orleans, LA

Practice Areas
- Energy
- Maritime
- Personal Injury

Jurisdictions
- Louisiana

Bertrand M. Cass, Jr. is head of the firm's Marine and Energy Department. He is a jury trial litigator concentrating in the defense of bodily injury and death cases with emphasis in marine and offshore litigation claims.

Mr. Cass concentrates his practice on defending vessel owners, oil and gas producers, exploration and drilling companies, facility operators, distributors, and offshore service contractors and their insurers against personal injury, wrongful death and survival claims. He is experienced in energy-related claims, including interpretation of indemnity and insurance requirements in vessel charters and Master Service Agreements, as well as interpretation of the anti-indemnity acts of Louisiana and Texas.

Mr. Cass has also defended vessel owners and their insurers against property damage claims involving complex legal issues. In one such case involving damages to an underwater pipeline by one of our clients, his efforts resulted in a res nova ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that a vessel owner's decision to plead limitation of liability as a defense in a single action with multiple claimants does not open it to greater total liability. *Signal Oil & Gas Co. v. Barge W-701*, 654 F.2d 1164, (CA 5th Cir. LA 1981).

Mr. Cass is one of the more experienced civil litigators in the New Orleans defense bar.

Professional Activities and Honors
"Louisiana Super Lawyers" List, 2007-2012
"The Best Lawyers in America" List, 2007-2012
Federal Bar Association
Louisiana State Bar Association
New Orleans Bar Association
Maritime Law Association of the United States, Proctor in Admiralty
Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel

Education
J.D., Loyola University of the South
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