



## Walter P. Maestri

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### Practices

Admiralty

Energy

### Industries

Energy

Maritime

### Bar Admissions

Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

The Supreme Court

### Education

J.D., Loyola University of New Orleans, 1998

B.A. The Catholic University of America, 1993

Walter Maestri understands that a client's business interests may outweigh winning the case at all costs. From the initial contact he takes time to identify what his clients' primary goals and expectations are as he begins the process of defending their interests.

Walter is a maritime attorney working in the offshore fields representing companies that have contracts with oil and gas interests in the Gulf of Mexico. So, whether he's representing the actual platform owner or the service industries that provide support to the oil and gas industry, he defends those companies against personal injury actions, property damage loss, lost oil and gas revenues, or other claims that may arise from operations in the Gulf. Working in partnerships with his clients, Walter also litigates cases arising under the Jones Act, the general maritime law, collisions/allisions and offshore platform accidents.

He has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, was recognized by *New Orleans Magazine* as a "Best Lawyer," a *CityBusiness* "One to Watch," and has earned the *Martindale-Hubbell*™ Peer Review Rating of AV Preeminent®. In 2021 he was voted by *Inside New Orleans* readers as a "Favorite Elite Lawyer."

Walter currently serves on the firm's Managing Committee, as Chair of its Marine & Energy practice group and as Chair of its Finance Committee. He is the past Chair of the firm's Recruiting and Diversity Committees. When he is not in the office, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, fishing, and working to perfect his award-winning barbeque for his charity BBQ team.

### Professional Associations

- Tulane University Admiralty Law Institute
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Offshore Marine Service Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Association
- Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association
- New Orleans Bar Association

### Accolades

- *Martindale-Hubbell*™ AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *Inside New Orleans* Readers' Favorite Elite Lawyer, 2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2018-2022
- New Orleans *CityBusiness* "Ones to Watch: Ports & Transportation"
- New Orleans Magazine "Top Lawyers" List, 2018

## Representative Successes

### Reported Decisions

- *Brooks Well Servicing, Inc. v. Cudd Pressure Control, Inc.*, 34, 796 (La. App. 2 Cir. 8/22/01), 796 So.2d 66
- *Curran v. Fisherman Marine Products, Inc.*, 2000-0099 (La. App. 4 Cir. 11/17/00), 773 So.2d 285
- *In re Erin B.*, 99-496 (La. App. 5 Cir. 10/26/99), 751 So.2d 946
- *Herbert v. Archdiocese of New Orleans*, 98-1217 (La. App. 5 Cir. 7/27/99), 739 So.2d 928
- *City of Kenner v. Kenner Fire & Police Civil Service Board*, 99-86 (La. App. 5 Cir. 6/1/99), 738 So.2d 114

### Summary Decisions

- *Tanya Leon v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., et al.*, 24th Judicial District Court, No. 488-519, Division "I," Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
- *Trico Marine Assets, Inc., et al. v. Diamond Services Corp., et al.*, U.S.D.C., E.D. La., No. 99-209, Section "T" (5), New Orleans, Louisiana
- *Vera Barnum Demery v. O.S. Johnson, Inc., et al.*, U.S.D.C., W.D.La., No. 01-2149, Section "A," Lafayette, Louisiana
- *James L. Smith v. Vastar Resources, Inc.*, U.S.D.C., E.D. La., No. 00-2440, Section "C"(2), New Orleans, Louisiana
- *Charles Kerner, et al. v. Transamerican Refining Corp., et al.*, 29th Judicial District Court, No. 50,997, Division "E," St. Charles Parish, Louisiana
- *Dain Baudean wife of/and Chris Baudean v. The Lincoln Electric Co.*, 29th Judicial District Court, No. 51,745, Division "E," St. Charles Parish, Louisiana
- *Johnnie Smith and Barbara Smith v. Hall Houston Oil Co., et al.*, U.S.D.C., E.D.La., No.98-3433, Section "T"(3), New Orleans, Louisiana
- *George Hayes v. Island Operating Company, Inc.*, U.S.D.C. E.D. La. No. 16-12909, New Orleans, Louisiana

### Presentations

- "Understanding Master Service Agreements: Don't Sink Your Own Ship"