

Practice Areas

- Admiralty & Maritime
- Litigation

Education

- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A., 2000
- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2003

Honors

- Consul Award Winner – University of Texas School of Law (2003)
- Board of Advocates Outstanding Member – University of Texas School of Law (2003)
- National Finalist – N.I.T.A. Tournament of Champions Mock Trial Competition (2002)
- Outstanding Fraternity President, The University of Texas at Austin (2000)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

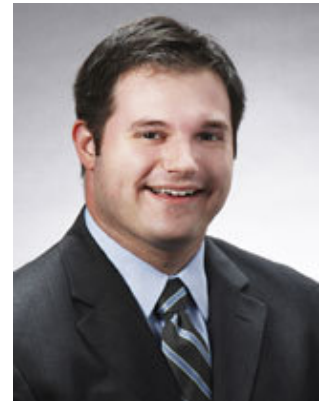
Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

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F. Daniel Knight focuses his practice on admiralty and maritime litigation, as well as general civil litigation and appellate issues. He has a strong background in issues relating to the safety industry and the maritime industry, and has been involved with the defense of hundreds of admiralty and maritime litigation matters. In his general litigation practice, Mr. Knight has successfully resolved a variety of insurance and commercial litigation matters.

Significant Matters and Cases

- While defending an offshore drilling contractor, Mr. Knight helped to obtain a dismissal with prejudice of a personal injury lawsuit filed under the Jones Act and General Maritime Law in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division. The Plaintiff received nothing for his lawsuit, and dismissed his case after losing a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment concerning liability issues, which may be found at 2008 WL 4394613.
- Mr. Knight served as first chair defense trial counsel in a week-long Federal Court jury trial in Houston Texas. The case involved a maritime commercial dispute. Mr. Knight's examinations of several witnesses, including the plaintiff's economic expert, reduced the jury verdict to less than the amount demanded by plaintiff in mediation, and less than half of the plaintiff's demand in closing arguments.
- When representing a vessel owner prosecuting a Limitation of Liability action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, Mr. Knight helped to obtain a denial of a Motion to Dismiss filed by the Claimants. The Court's Memorandum and Order, which may be found at 2008 WL 2368730, establishes favorable law for dredging operators with respect to bringing one Limitation of Liability proceeding for multiple claims occurring on different dates, but on the same voyage.

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

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- While serving as first chair defense counsel a hardwood flooring broker based in Pennsylvania in a non-maritime commercial dispute filed in the 61st Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, Mr. Knight obtained a dismissal without prejudice of his client based upon lack of personal jurisdiction. This ruling dismissed his client as a defendant in the case, and avoided potential exposure of his client to over \$2,000,000.00 in alleged damages by the plaintiff.
- Mr. Knight assisted in the defense of a non-maritime employer in an employment discrimination case. The Firm obtained a favorable summary judgment for its client and the plaintiff appealed to the Thirteenth Court of Appeals. Mr. Knight authored the appellate briefs for our client, and the Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's dismissal of the plaintiff's claims. The Court's decision may be found at 2008 WL 4667545.

News & Publications

- "Current Issues in Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Claims: Defense Base Act Indemnity Benefits and War Hazards Compensation Act Relief," Presented at the 15th Annual University of Texas School of Law Admiralty & Maritime Law Conference, Houston Texas, September 2006. Co-author

Community Involvement

- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Merchandise Committee Member (2005-present).
- KIDS HOPE Mentor at Mac Gregor Elementary School (2008-present).

Professional Affiliations

- Texas Bar Association
 - Houston Bar Association
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