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**EDUCATION:**

Vanderbilt University; B.A. 1978  
University of Louisville School of Law: J.D. 1983  
Tulane University School of Law: L.L.M. (Master of Law in Admiralty) 1984

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

(1985-1996) Fulbright & Jaworski (now Norton Rose Fulbright):

Joined and later was named Partner in the Admiralty Department for the law firm, headquartered in Houston. Maritime Defense and Commercial Litigation practice.

(1996-2002) Rice Fowler (now Fowler Rodriguez):

Founded Houston office and became its Managing Partner, where I grew the office from two to ten lawyers. Maritime and Insurance Defense practice.

(2002-July 2018) Lanier Law Firm:

Representing injured clients in maritime-related cases and claims, including maritime products liability disputes and Jones Act seaman cases. Management and handling of mesothelioma and other asbestos-related cases, plus various contingency-fee transportation-related litigation.

(August 2018-Present) Herd Dispute Resolution, LLC:

Providing Mediation, Arbitration and Special Master services to a broad range of litigation and claims-related disputes. Participated as counsel in mediations and arbitrations for over 30 years. Credentialed Mediator; served as Mediator in over 35 mediations in last 3 years. Participated as counsel in mediations for over 30 years.

(August 2018-Present) Herd Law Firm:

Representing Jones Act seamen and other maritime workers in injury and death cases, various maritime-related torts and claims; representing individuals and families seriously injured or killed by negligence of commercial vehicle owners and operators (incl. commercial trucks, motorcycles), Traumatic Brain Injury cases, and related issues.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Credentialed Mediator, with advanced training; member, Texas Association of Mediators; Texas Mediation Credentialing Association, trained mediator by A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center, Harris County Dispute Resolution Center.

Trained Arbitrator, the Houston Maritime Arbitration Association (also Board Member and mediation representative).

Selected as "Super Lawyer" for Texas: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Houston Northwest Bar Association: immediate past-president (2017-2018).

Maritime Law Association of the United States (Proctor member, since approximately 1985).  
American Association of Justice, Houston Trial Lawyers Association, Texas Trial Lawyers Association (Board Member 2020).

The Mariners Club of Houston (various offices held, including Skipper 1999-2000).

The Propeller Club of the United States, Houston Chapter.

Texas Bar Foundation; Life Fellow (2017 to date).

I have used my extensive experience in maritime, general liability and workers' compensation law to teach seminars and produce published works, most recently as speaker and presenter, Louisiana State Bar Association's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Admiralty Symposium (September 2016), and guest lecturer of the Admiralty and Maritime Law course, University of Houston College of Law (2016).

### **STATE BAR MEMBERSHIPS:**

Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky, New York

### **FEDERAL BAR MEMBERSHIPS:**

Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana; Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; Western District of Kentucky.

### **VARIOUS CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

#### Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce:

Board Member (2018-2020); member of the Public Policy Council (2017-2018); chair of Governmental Affairs and Transportation Forum (2015-2017).

#### Boy Scouts of America:

Eagle Scout, National Eagle Scout Association, former District Recruiting Chairman, currently District Finance Chairman; Wood Badge; Powder Horn; Assistant Scoutmaster; Order of the Arrow (Brotherhood member); founder and board-member: Friends of 1323 (a non-profit Scouting-related charity); NRA-certified Range Safety Officer; Alan T. Smith Scouting Spirit Award (2013); counselor for numerous merit badges; successfully completed 110+ mile trek, Philmont Scout Ranch (summer 2017).

Houston Rotary Club (former member).

#### Other:

Leadership Houston (member of Class XXI).

Member and occasional class teacher: Faithbridge Church, Spring.

Cypress Creek Cultural District: chair of Fundraising Committee (2016).

Houston Maritime Museum: advisory and fundraising committee member (2016- 2017).

Texas Navy Association, Admiral (2015 to date).

“Dangers of Distracted Driving”, “The Importance of Jury Service”; presenter to approx. 530 high school students, Klein Cain High School (2017) and Tomball High School (2019).

### **HOBBIES:**

Sailing, Scouting, Motorcycling, Landscaping.

