Overview

HunterMaclean’s admiralty and maritime practice group offers a variety of maritime-related legal services ranging from litigation and regulatory compliance advice to casualty investigations and environmental pollution claims.

Attorneys in the Firm’s admiralty law practice area represent all of the world’s major Protection and Indemnity Clubs, as well as top domestic marine insurers, ship owners, ship charterers, freight forwarders, NVOCCs, global cruise lines, marinas, and shipyards in a number of landmark cases.

Our extensive experience in legal challenges includes personal injury matters, oil spills, collisions, maritime contract and charter party disputes, customs fines, stowaways, illegal aliens, and arrest cases. Because our talented team understands the unique concerns of the maritime client, we can offer creative solutions that help clients meet their goals as efficiently and effectively as possible. With offices in the Georgia coastal cities of Savannah and St. Simons Island, HunterMaclean is uniquely positioned to respond quickly to client needs.

HunterMaclean’s admiralty attorneys remain up-to-date on the newest developments in maritime law through active participation in maritime law and industry trade associations, including the Maritime Law Association of the United States, the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, and the Propeller Club of the United States.

Publications


- Inextricably Intertwined: The Yin and Yang of the New York Convention, FAA, and Non-Signatory Third Parties

- Breaking the “American” Rule: The Bad Faith Exception in Moench v. Marquette & A Tale of Two Standards

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- Does US Maritime Law Require a Captain to “Go Down With the Ship”?
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- Update on the Eleventh, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Circuits

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  Presented by David F. Sipple to the Swedish P&I Club in Gothenburg, Sweden, in May 2016.

- Navigating the Troubled Waters of the Law of Salvage
  Presented by Colin A. McRae to the Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron in Hilton Head Island, Georgia, on September 8, 2014.

- Vessel Surge and Wash Damage Claims under U.S. Maritime Law
  Lecture delivered by David F. Sipple to Skuld and Gard P&I Clubs in Oslo and Arendal, Norway, in June 2012.

- Recent Maritime Law Developments in the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Circuits

- Update on the Eleventh, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Circuits