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DAVID WALKER is a limited partner of Neblett, Beard & Arsenault. He joined the firm in 1985 after a judicial clerkship. Mr. Walker is recognized by his peers and listed as a “Louisiana Super Lawyer” in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 by Law & Politics publication, Louisiana *SuperLawyers*®.

Focusing on personal injury and consumer litigation, Mr. Walker has decades of experience and has been counsel in over one thousand litigated cases and has been retained in over two thousand injury cases. He has always been involved in litigation, concentrating on 18 wheeler/trucking collisions, tour bus - motor coach accidents, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Admiralty, Jones Act, and Maritime Law; Death on the High Seas; Insurance Contract Coverage; Motor Vehicle Collisions; and Products Liability Law. Mr. Walker’s accounting degree and experience in the public accounting field, along with his business acumen, provide a background to competently handle business, securities and financial litigation.

Mr. Walker has litigated numerous cases and negotiated many significant settlements, including: a multiple 18 wheeler collision with a passenger vehicle; a helicopter crash in the Gulf of Mexico; an insulating contractor with mesothelioma caused by asbestos exposure; a land pipeline worker burned in an explosion; a motor vehicle accident victim hit by a drunk driver; a barge worker killed by an explosion of an underwater gas pipeline; and considerable lawsuits involving Jones Act seamen. Mr. Walker is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and invited to membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum™.

In 2010, Mr. Walker was a speaker at the AAJ Interstate Trucking Litigation Group, Litigation Truck Collision Cases Seminar, and admitted to the AAJ Gulf Coast Oil Spill Litigation Group; in 2009, spoke at the Louisiana State Bar Association’s 16th Annual Admiralty Symposium; and in 2008, appeared before the Supreme Court of Louisiana in a UM insurance contract case.

The key to a successful trial and resolution of a case is preparation. Mr. Walker methodically details the evidence to capture the important points for the jury. He utilizes a PowerPoint story board for presentations and incorporates technology into simple story telling techniques to captivate the juror’s attention. He also advocates effective communication with clients to ensure they are up to date on the progress of their case, their needs are promptly met, and their questions are quickly answered. Mr. Walker has a committed passion to obtain justice for his clients as efficiently and quickly as possible.

Mr. Walker is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas, and admitted to practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has taught courses in negligence and offshore injury and lectured on trial techniques. He is a member of the Louisiana and Texas State Bar Associations, American Association for Justice, the Louisiana Association for Justice (President’s Advisory Counsel 1989-1995), Master of the Bench of the Crossroads-American Inns of Court, and the AAJ Interstate Trucking Litigation Group.

Mr. Walker earned his law degree in 1984 from Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, cum laude, was on the Moot Court Board and was a candidate of the Law Review. Mr. Walker also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

David and his wife, Janet, have been married for twenty-five years and are the parents of three children.

Areas of Practice:

18 Wheeler Collisions
Admiralty & Maritime Law
Asbestos
BP Gulf Coast Oil Catastrophe
Brain Injury
Burn Injury
Bus Accidents
Business Litigation
Car Wreck
Casinos
Charter Bus Accidents
Commercial Litigation
Death on the High Seas
Deepwater Horizon Disaster
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations
Federal Torts Claim Act
General Maritime Law
Helicopter Crash
Insurance Contracts
Interstate Trucking
Jones Act
Litigation & Appeals
Mesothelioma
Motor Vehicle Collisions
Motor Coach Accidents
Motorcycle Accidents
Native Peoples Law
Oil Field Workers
Oil Pollution Act (“OPA”) of 1990
Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OLSLA)
Personal Injury
Products Liability Law
Railroad
Securities Litigation
Tour Bus Accidents
Tractor/Trailer Accidents
Train Derailments
Wrongful Death
Litigation Percentage:
100% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

Bar Admissions:

Louisiana
Texas
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit
U.S. District Court Middle District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas, Admitted to Appear *Pro Hac Vice*

Education:

Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1984
J.D., Doctor of Jurisprudence
Honors: Cum Laude
Honors: Moot Court Board

Law Review: Candidate, Southern Law Review, 1982 - 1984
Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1978
B.S., Bachelor of Science – Accounting

Publications/Classes/Seminars Taught:

Speaker, American Association for Justice Interstate Trucking Litigation Group “Medicare Reimbursements and Set Asides,” February, 2010
Speaker, Louisiana State Bar Association, 16th Annual Admiralty Symposium “Maritime Litigation Exit Strategies, Mediation Techniques,” September, 2009
“UM form must be completed before signature” Louisiana Advocates, April, 2008
Interstate Trucking: Regulations, Discovery & Damages Litigation Packet
American Association for Justice, October, 2007
Faculty Member, Torts and Offshore Injury, Northwestern State University, 1985 - 1993
Speaker, “Mediation, A Method of Alternative Dispute Resolution,” 1993
Speaker, “The Opening Statement – The Advocates Perspective,” 1991
Speaker, "Out on a Limb, Attorney Sanctions in Federal Court," 1990

Professional Associations and Memberships:

American Trial Lawyers Association Top 100 Trial Lawyers
AAJ Interstate Trucking Litigation Group
AAJ Gulf Coast Oil Spill Litigation Group (Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill)
American Association for Justice
Louisiana Association for Justice
Louisiana Association for Justice, President's Advisory Council, 1989 - 1995
Crossroads - American Inns of Court of Alexandria - Pineville, Master of the Bench, since 1990

Community Activities:

Rapides Parish Industrial Development Board
Lector, Our Lady of Prompt Succor
Member, Finance Council, Our Lady of Prompt Succor
Chairman, School Capital Campaign, Our Lady of Prompt Succor
Participant, Red Mass for Alexandria Diocese of The Roman Catholic Church, St. Frances Xavier Cathedral
Member, Gift Committee, St. Frances Xavier Cathedral Restoration Project
Sponsor, Saturday Night Alive Youth Program Alexandria Diocese

Special Recognition:

Included in the 2010 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®
Included in the 2009 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®
Included in the 2008 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®
Included in the 2008 Louisiana Life Magazine’s Super Lawyer Section “Top Attorneys in Louisiana”
Included in the 2007 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®
Member in the Million Dollar Advocates Forum
American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA) “Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Louisiana”

Complex Litigation Experience:

- *Brashier v Ipex, Inc., et al; Campbell v. Ipex, Inc., et al; Johnson v. Ipex, Inc., et al; In Re: Kitec Plumbing System Products Liability Litigation,*
MDL No. 2098, U.S. Dist. Ct., District of Northern TX
- *Mark Kapusta, et al v. Stone Trucking Company, et al;*
Civil Suit No. 68,510, 42nd JDC, Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana (CMV Truck/Trailer Hot Shot Driver)
- *Dale Sharp, et al v. Land Logistics, Inc., et al*
(18-wheeler/Suburban collision)

- *Steven Gueringer v. City of Lake Charles, et al*
Civil Suit No. 2008-4489, 14th JDC, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana (18-wheeler/Garbage truck collision)
- *James Richard v. Noble Drilling (U.S.) Inc.*
Civil Suit No.C-432-08, 31st JDC, Parish of Jeff Davis, State of Louisiana
- *Braus et al v. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co.*
Civil Action No. 6:08 CV 718 (In Re: Lafayette Train Derailment)
Civil Action No. 6:08 CV 678
- *Horace Caffey and Lois Caffey v. Canal Insurance Company, et al*
Civil Suit No. 19794, 35th JDC, Grant Parish, Louisiana (18-wheeler log truck/vehicle collision)
- *Nelson v. Encompass Ins. Co of America, et al*
Civil Suit No. 226512, 9th JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana
- *Sheila Smith v. United States of America*
Civil Action No. 2:06 CV 0947 (Lead)
Civil Action No. 2:06 CV 1165 (Member)
Federal Torts Claim Act, Judge Minaldi, Magistrate Judge Kay (Military Humvee/vehicle collision)
- *Troop Hudnall v. Hartford Insurance Company, et al*
Civil Suit No. 35813, 28th JDC, Lasalle Parish, Louisiana
- *Rudolph Peter v. Progressive Security Insurance Company, et al*
Civil Suit No. 2008-2020-F, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana
- *Vernon Logue v. GBJ, Inc., AFC Transport, Noble Limousine and Transportation, et al.*
Civil Suit No. 2007-233, 33rd JDC, Allen Parish, Louisiana (motor coach/vehicle collision)
- *Isabelle Stapp v. State Farm, et al*
Civil Suit No. 2006-852-A, 36th JDC, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana
- *Terry Dickson v. Allstate Insurance Company, et al*
Civil Suit No. 52566, 3rd JDC, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana
- *Alice Minniefield v. Lincoln General Insurance Co., et al*
Civil Action No. 06-1819, 4th JDC, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (18-wheeler-vehicle collision)
- *In Re: Athena Construction, LLC*
Civil Action No. 6:06-CV-2004, U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La
- *Logan Young, et al v. The Offshore Drilling Company, et al*
Civil Action No. CV05-0803, U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La
- *Betty Deville, et al v. Gilchrist Construction Co., et al*
Civil Suit No. 214-818, "C," 9th JDC, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (commercial vehicle-vehicle collision)
- *Amanda Bailey, et al v. Era Aviation, Inc., et al*
Civil Action No. 6:05CV05-0510, U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La
- *Hattie Jackson v. The Connecticut Indemnity Company, et al*
Civil Suit No. 36132,-"A," 5th JDC, Richland Parish, Louisiana (multiple 18-wheeler-vehicle collision)
- *Larry Danos v. Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, Inc., et al*
Civil Suit No. 2003 2920,-"J," 15th JDC, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana

- *Carl Bell, et al v. Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp.*
Civil Action No. 99-2078, U.S. Dist. Ct., Eastern District of La
- *Steven M. Davis, Dawn Davis and Brian Chandler v. First USA Bank, N.A.,*
Civil Suit No. 464,834, “A,” 19th JDC, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana
- *Eric Vizena, et al v. Union Pacific Railroad Company*
Civil Action No. 00-1267 (In Re: Eunice Train Derailment and all consolidated cases)
Judge Richard T. Haik, Sr., Magistrate Judge Tynes, U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La,
Lafayette-Opelousas Div.) (Eunice Train Derailment Case)
- *Roger and Dianne Crowe v. Pearl River Polymers, Inc., et al*
Civil Suit No. 99-14413, “G,” 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana
- *Dale Dennis, et al v. C F Industries, Inc.*
Civil Suit No. 67,243, “C,” 23rd JDC, Ascension Parish, Louisiana
- *Barbara Chapman, et al v. Vulcan Chemicals, a Business Group of Vulcan Materials Co., et al*
Civil Suit No. 69,433, 23rd JDC, Ascension Parish, Louisiana. (Vulcan)
- *Gramercy Plant Explosion at KaiserMaster*
Docket No. 25975, “D,” 23rd JDC, St. James Parish, Louisiana. (Kaiser)
- *Alicia Tanguis, et al v. M/V Westchester, et al*
Civil Action No. 01-0449 c/w 01-1558, Sec. “N”, U. S. Dist. Ct., Eastern District of La
- *Marilyn Spitzfaden, individually, and as representative of a class of those similarly situated v. Dow Corning Corporation, et al*
Civil Suit No. 92-2589, CDC for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana (Breast Implant Litigation)
- *Vivian Folse, et al v. C.F. Industries, Inc.*
Civil Suit No. 26728, 23rd JDC, St. James Parish, Louisiana, (C.F. Industries Plant Explosion - Donaldsonville, LA)
- *Nathan Barnaba, Sr., et al v. Republic-Vanguard Ins. Co., et al*
Civil Action No. CV04-0833, U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La
- *Baenson K. Cho v. Fulcrum Ins. Co., et al*
Civil Suit No. 02-C-1355-A, 27th JDC, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana
- *Jerry Gibson v. GEICO Gen. Ins. Co., et al*
Civil Suit No. 194,429-E, 9th JDC, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

Representative Reported Cases

- *Baggett v. St. Francis Nursing Center, –So.2d---, 2008 WL 2129842, 2008-0680 (La. 5/16/08), La. May 16, 2008 (No. 2008-CC-0680)*
- *William Gray, et ux v. American National Property and Casualty Co., et al*
977 So.2d 839, 2008 WL 501088 (La.), 2007-1670 (La. 2/26/08)
- *Dominque v. Legion Indem. Co.*
918 So.2d 1213, 05-580 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1/4/06)

- *Jackson v. Rubicon, Inc., et al*
2002-1156 (La. App. 3 Cir. 4/2/03), 844 So.2d 394
- *Blackburn v. National Union Fire Ins. Co.*
2000-2668 (La. 4/3/01), 784 So.2d 637
- *Rosenthal v. Bethel Apartments, Inc., et al*
(2000-CC-0287 La. S. Ct. 3/24/2000) 758 So.2d 157
- *Savant v. American Central Ins. Co.*
98542 (La. App. 3 Cir. 12/9/98), 725 So.2d 43, writ denied, 99-C-0060, 3/12/99
- *Carroll v. State Farm*
31652 (La. App. 2 Cir 8/6/98), 715 So.2d 771
- *Sanders v. International Indem. Co.*
97-1061 (La. App. 3 Cir. 2/4/98), 708 So.2d 772
- *Soileau v. D & J. Tire, Inc.*
97-318 (La. App. 3 Cir. 10/8/97) 702 So.2d 818
- *Schweinefus v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co., et al*
(No. 95-C-1021, La. S. Ct. 6/16/95) 657 So.2d 989
- *Brumfield v. United Services Automobile Assn.*
616 So.2d 876 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1993) No. 92-569
- *Rudd v. United Services Automobile Assn.*
626 So.2d 568 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1993) No. 93-48
- *Cliburn v. Colonial Penn Ins. Co.*
583 So.2d 103 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1991) No. 90-132
- *Jones v. Merrick Construction Co.*
546 So.2d 928 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1989) No. 88-385
- *McLendon v. State, Dept. of Natural Resources, Office of Forestry*
532 So.2d 349 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1988)