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### CURRICULUM VITAE

Dustin C. Carter is a member of Neblett, Beard & Arsenault's Mass Tort and Complex Litigation Group. His litigation focus has been on defective medical devices and pharmaceutical drugs, toxic torts, and consumer class actions. Dustin's practice also includes large, complex single event matters, disasters and casualties, including: asbestos/mesothelioma claims, aviation litigation, negligent security and premises liability matters, large trucking accidents, hurricane claims, and admiralty/maritime claims. Dustin has been instrumental in multiple trials resulting in nearly \$2 billion in verdicts.

Dustin is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Mississippi. He also holds a national professional certification in mediation issued by the National Association of Certified Mediators. Dustin was recently appointed to serve as a Neutral/Mediator in Louisiana's 24th Judicial District in Jefferson Parish in the Hurricane Ida property damage litigation centralized there.

Dustin is an active speaker on complex and mass tort litigation matters, and has been recognized by the National Trial Lawyers as a Top 40 under 40 Plaintiff Civil Trial Lawyer and a Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Dustin graduated from Mississippi College School of Law, with magna cum laude honors, and served as the Chief Executive Editor of the Law Review, Internal Competition Problem Editor, Brief Writer, as well as Brief Writer and Advocate for the Moot Court Board.

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### EDUCATION

Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015

- Certificate in Civil Law Studies

Louisiana College, B.S., Public Administration, *magna cum laude*, 2012

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## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Mississippi State Courts, 2015

United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi, 2015

United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi, 2015

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 2015

Louisiana State Courts, 2020

United States District Court, Western District of Mississippi, 2020

United States District Court, Eastern District of Mississippi, 2020

United States District Court, Middle District of Mississippi, 2020

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## **MEMBERSHIPS**

National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 (2018-present)

Super Lawyers Louisiana Rising Star

National Association of Certified Mediators

American Bar Association

Louisiana Association for Justice

American Association for Justice

Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

Alexandria Bar Association

National Order of Barristers, 2015 Inductee

National Order of Scribes, 2015 Inductee

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society

Young Professionals Group of Central Louisiana

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## **LAW SCHOOL HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Scholarships and Writing Awards:

- Recipient: 2014 Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP Academic Scholarship Award for Excellence in Writing
- Recipient: 2014 Best Overall Appellee Brief Award, 2014 Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush Appellate Advocacy Competition

National Moot Court Awards:

- Finalist: 2014 Judge Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

- Semifinalist: 2014 Fifth Circuit/Texas State Bar Association Elliot Cup Regional Moot Court Competition
- Octofinalist: 2015 Judge Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

Best Paper/AmJur Awards:

- Legal Research I
- Legal Writing II
- Appellate Advocacy

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## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

*Ethical Obligations Associated with Artificial Intelligence and its Intersection with Case Management*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 30th Annual Admiralty Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (September 15, 2023)

*Anticipating and Dealing with Bankruptcy*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: Updates and Challenges Facing Current High Stakes Mass Tort Litigation, Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia, PA (May 24, 2023)

*Litigating in the Digital Age*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 22nd Annual Complex Litigation Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (November 11, 2022).

*Ethical Obligations (and Potential Landmines) Associated with Social Media, Internet Advertising, Technology, Fee Sharing Among Attorneys, Non-Attorneys with Equity Positions in Law Firms and Interstate Disciplinary Counsel Authority*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 29th Annual Admiralty Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (September 16, 2022).

*Challenges with Litigating in the Digital Age*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: The Current Mass Tort Landscape – Infant Formula, Philips CPAP, Hernia Mesh and More, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (March 30, 2022).

*The Intersection of Law, Technology, Social Media, and Venture Capital*, HarrisMartin's Webinar Series: Multidistrict Litigation - Navigating the Landmines (Virtual; December 1, 2021)

*Ethics Obligations (and Landmines) Associated with Social Media and Technology*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 28th Annual Admiralty Symposium (Virtual; September 17, 2021).

*Key Jurisdictional Considerations for Maritime Practitioners*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 27th Annual Admiralty Symposium (Virtual; September 18, 2020).

*2020 Discovery: Unearthing Electronic Evidence Against Maritime Defendants*, Louisiana Association for Justice, "High Stakes on the High Seas" Maritime Law Conference, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (Virtual; August 21, 2020).

Visiting Teacher, *Complex Litigation: Plaintiff Perspective*, Baylor Law School Executive LLM Litigation Management, November 2019 On-Campus Session (1:30pm – 5:00pm), Waco, TX (November 11, 2019).

*Rapid Fire Mass Tort Update*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 19th Annual Class Action/Complex Litigation Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (November 8, 2019).

*Getting Out of the Starting Block: Key Jurisdictional Considerations for Maritime Practitioners*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 26th Annual Admiralty Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (September 13, 2019).

*Rapid Fire Mass Tort Landscape Updates II*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: Critical Developments in Mass Torts, MDLs, and Game-Changing Jurisprudence, The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans, LA (May 29, 2019).

*Key Mass Tort Issues*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: An Analysis of Today's Mass Tort Landscape, The Westin Georgetown, Washington, D.C. (March 27, 2019).

*Complex Litigation Witnesses*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: The Mass Tort Litigation Landscape – A Critical Analysis, The Westin Verasa Napa, Napa, CA (September 26, 2018).

*E-Discovery: Mastering the Document Intensive Case*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: The Mass Tort Litigation Landscape – A Critical Analysis, The Westin Verasa Napa, Napa, CA (September 26, 2018).

*What Admiralty Practitioners Need to Know About Personal Jurisdiction*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 25th Annual Admiralty Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (September 14, 2018).

*Game-Changing Complex Litigation Developments including Post BMS Jurisdictional Landscape, Multi-Plaintiff Trials, Preemption, Deposing CEOs and Addressing Apex Defenses, Spoliation and the Associated Preservation Obligations, and Testimony Via Satellite at Trial*, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: 'Bet-the-Company' Mass Tort Litigation, The Peninsula Chicago, Chicago, IL (May 30, 2018).

*Preemption*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 17th Annual Class Action/Complex Litigation Symposium, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New Orleans, LA (November 10, 2017).

*Struggling with the Production and Discovery of Electronically Stored Information; Predictive Coding vs. Search Terms*, Louisiana State Bar Association, 16th Annual Class Action/Complex Litigation Symposium, Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans, LA (November 11, 2016).

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## **SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

May 2023: Appointed Neutral/Mediator, Louisiana 24th Judicial District Court, Hurricane Ida Property Damage Litigation

2023 – Present: Selected as Super Lawyers Louisiana Rising Star. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Super Lawyers' patented attorney selection process is peer influenced and research driven, selecting the top 5% of attorneys to the Super Lawyers list each year. Super Lawyers selects attorneys using a patented multiphase selection process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with independent research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis. The objective is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource for attorneys and consumers searching for legal counsel.

2018 – Present: Member of The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40. The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 under 40 is a professional organization comprised of America's top young trial attorneys. Membership into The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 under 40 is by invitation only and is extended exclusively to those individuals who meet stringent qualifications and specialize in the legal practice of criminal defense or civil plaintiff.

2019 – Present: Selected as a candidate for membership in The American College of Trial Lawyers. The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) is composed of preeminent members of the Trial Bar from the United States and Canada and is recognized as the leading trial lawyers organization in both countries. Fellowship is extended only by invitation, after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Selected as a 2020 Recipient of the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, Inc. Top 10 Under 40 Attorney Award for the State of Louisiana. The National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys is an organization devoted to recognizing the top Personal Injury attorneys in the nation. Through a stringent selection process, the NAOPIA awards the best Personal Injury attorneys in each state with our most prestigious honor of being named "TOP 10." The very few attorneys (less than 1%) that are good enough to make the NAOPIA's list have demonstrated an extraordinary amount of knowledge, skill, experience, expertise and success in their practice of Personal Injury. The attorneys that make the NAOPIA's list have to first be nominated by a licensed practicing attorney or one of our in-house research staff members. Second, NAOPIA's research staff verifies that they meet the minimum requirements of membership. Then they have to be one of 50 attorneys chosen to advance to the final selection stage by the NAOPIA's processing committee, and then the NAOPIA's Board of Governors officially selects the Top 10 in each state.

Selected as a 2020 candidate for membership the American Academy of Attorneys Top 40 Under 40. Membership is extended only to those attorneys who exemplify a strong commitment to the legal field. The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Attorneys annually reviews nominations and selects attorneys based upon their positive standing with their local licensing authority, commitment to their legal field, and positive review from either prior clients or other peers in the field. There are less than 1% of attorneys who are extended the opportunity to be a member of the American Academy of Attorneys.

Selected as a 2020 candidate for membership the American Institute of Trial Lawyers, Personal Injury Law Section, Top 40 Under 40. Lawyers are selected based upon their exemplary work in the legal field, their positive standing with their local licensing authority and positive reviews from their clients and peers. Less than .03% of all lawyers will be selected to become a member of the American Institute of Trial Lawyers. The American Institute of Trial Lawyers is an invitation only professional organization composed of premier trial attorneys from each state. These attorneys exemplify the very best qualities and qualifications of an attorney. Each attorney must meet stringent qualifications as a civil or criminal attorney. These attorneys' practice in a variety of fields to help and promote the ethical and elite practice of law. Selection is based on a thorough multi-phase process which includes peer nominations and third-party research. Each member must be in good standing with their local compliance organization. Membership is extended to only a select few in each state and/or region.

Nominated as a 2020 candidate for membership the American Institute of Legal Advocates (AIOLA) as an Elite Advocate in the field of Personal Injury Law. AIOLA is an organization committed to advocating for attorneys with the highest legal standards in each state. AIOLA reviews select candidates who have positive reviews for outstanding work in their field, positive recommendations of other lawyers in their field, along with no ethical concerns from their local licensing authority. Less than 1% of all attorneys will be invited to be a member of AIOLA. Membership is only extended to those attorneys who demonstrate leadership, superior qualifications in their field, and trial results in their state.

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## PUBLICATIONS

COMMENT: *Save the Students, Save the World: How Bankruptcy Could Help Correct the Inequitable Intrusion of For-Profit Colleges into Higher Education*, 33 MISS. C. L. REV. 401, available [here](#).

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## QUOTED IN

COOK COUNTY RECORD, "Trial lawyer panel: Plaintiffs' lawyers adapting strategies to fit post-BristolMyersSquibb legal landscape" (May 30, 2018), available at <https://cookcountyrecord.com/stories/511435630-trial-lawyer-panel-plaintiffs-lawyers-adapting-strategies-to-fit-post-bristolmyerssquibb-legal-landscape>.

LEGAL NEWSLINE, "No quit in trial bar after SCOTUS ruling, still filing lawsuits in favorite courts" (June 4, 2018), available at <https://legalnewsline.com/stories/511445368-no-quit-in-trial-bar-after-scotus-ruling-still-filing-lawsuits-in-favorite-courts>.