

## David O. Walker



**DAVID WALKER** has successfully represented clients for Neblett, Beard & Arsenault, L.L.C. over a career that spans more than thirty years. Mr. Walker came to the firm following a judicial clerkship. He is recognized by his peers and has appeared eight years in “Louisiana Super Lawyers,” a publication of Thomson Reuters. Mr. Walker maintains the highest “AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been selected by The National Trial Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers.

Focusing on personal injury, Mr. Walker has decades of experience and has been retained in over two thousand injury cases. He represents clients concentrating on: Mesothelioma Asbestos Exposure; 18 Wheeler/Trucking collisions; Tour Bus/MotorCoach/Van accidents; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Offshore, Admiralty, Jones Act, and Maritime Law; Death on the High Seas; Insurance Contract Coverage; Car Wrecks; and Products Liability Law.

Mr. Walker is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. His past experience includes a \$7 Million truck injury case; a \$4.5 Million 18-wheeler injury case; and serving as Co-Lead Counsel in a multi-million dollar helicopter crash death case in the Gulf of Mexico. He appeared before the Supreme Court of Louisiana and was successful in a UM insurance case, providing \$1 Million to compensate his client instead of the \$100,000 suggested by the insurance company.

Mr. Walker is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. He is a member of the Louisiana and Texas State Bar Associations, American Association for Justice, 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.

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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## 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*

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## **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

Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1978

B.S., Bachelor of Science – Accounting

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## **PUBLICATIONS / CLASSES / PRESENTATIONS**

Speaker and author of paper, Louisiana State Bar Association, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Admiralty Symposium, “Helicopter Crash Cases: From the Investigation of the Accident to Litigating the Claim,” September 19, 2014.

Speaker, Louisiana State Bar Association, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Admiralty Symposium “The U.S. Supreme Court Weights In on Vessel Status” *Lozman v. City of Riviera Beach*, September 20, 2013.

Speaker and author of paper, Louisiana State Bar Association, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Admiralty Symposium “The BP Claims Process and Forensic Accounting,” September 21, 2012.

Guest Lecturer, LSU Law School, Baton Rouge, LA “Black Box Event Data Recorder and Accident Reconstruction,” January, 2012.

Speaker, Louisiana State Bar Association, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Admiralty Symposium “The Jones Act and Associated Burden of Proof after *CSX v. McBride*,” September 30, 2011.

Speaker, Louisiana State Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference “Class Action for the Small Office Practitioner”; “How a Small Office Can Make Money in Big Projects,” February 25, 2011.

Speaker and author of paper, 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.

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## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- The National Trial Lawyers 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, President's Advisory Council, 1989 – 1995.
- Crossroads - American Inns of Court of Alexandria - Pineville, Master of the Bench, since 1990.

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## **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.

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Highest AV Martindale-Hubbell rating.
- Included in the 2015 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®.
- Included in the 2013 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®.
- Included in the 2012 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®.
- Included in the 2011 edition of LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS®.
- 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™.
- Invited member in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum™.
- The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Louisiana.

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## COMPLEX LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

*Herboldsheimer v. M/V Candy Cotton, LLC, et al*,  
12-CV-03166, USDC, Western District of Louisiana (General Maritime Law, Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation)

*Jackson v. YRC, Inc. d/b/a YRC Freight*  
14-CV-1045, USDC, Western District of Louisiana (18 wheeler collision)

*Batise v. Arch Ins. Co and Luhr Bros., Inc.*  
Civil Action No. 244377, 9<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (commercial truck collision)

*Johnson v. Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.*  
Civil Action No. 116862, 16<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana (Jones Act, GML)

*Howell v. Allstate Insurance Co., et al*  
Civil Action No. 86987, 30<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana (vehicle collision)

*Cleveland v. St. Paul Mercury Insurance, et al*  
Civil Action No. 86240, 30<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana (truck collision)

*Perry v. State Farm Insurance, et al*

Civil Action No. 245447, 9<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (motor vehicle collision)

*John Michael Boyd v. AAA Northern California, Nevada and Utah Insurance Exchange, et al 2013*(motorcycle collision)

*Duplantis v. Starfleet Marine Transportation, Inc.*

Civil Action No. 241,449, 9<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (Jones Act)

*Little v. Sentry Select Ins. Co., et al*

Civil Action No. 60116, 40<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (18 wheeler collision)

*Booker v. Arch Ins. Co., et al*

Civil Action No. 32600, 2<sup>nd</sup> JDC, Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (commercial truck collision)

*Hester v. Sentry Select Ins. Co., et al*

Civil Action No. 242937, 9<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana

*Tuggle v. Discovery Property & Casualty Ins. Co., et al*

Civil Action No. 84732, 30<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana (truck collision)

*In the matter of the Liquidation of Legion Indemnity Company*

Case number 02CH06695, Estate of Ronald Domingue; Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division

*Munguia v. Zurich*

Civil Action No. 10-1285, U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La (commercial truck collision)

*Joshua Renfroe, et al v. State Farm, et al*

Civil Suit No. 63728, 11<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (wrongful death/survival action)

*Vivian Bullins v. Granite State Ins. Co., et al*

Civil Suit No. 234,036, 9<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (motor vehicle crash)

*Mary Branch v. First National Insurance Co. of America* (motor vehicle crash)

*Richard Herring v. State Farm, et al*

Civil Suit No. 237,073, 9<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (motor vehicle crash)

*Samuel Coco v. Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co.*

Civil Suit No. 234,565, 9th JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (UM insurance coverage with rejection)

*Ananise Robinson v. Tonya Martin, et al*

Civil Suit No. 231,942, 9th JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (commercial motor vehicle collision with multiple vehicles)

*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

*IN RE: Katrina Canal Breaches*

Litigation Case No. 05-4182 (E.D. La 2005)

Mass Tort Litigation representing family member for survival action and wrongful death in failure to evacuate a nursing home

*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 (Jones Act)

*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

*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)

*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, (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

*Dominique v. Legion Indem. Co.*  
918 So.2d 1213, 05-580 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1/4/06)

*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 (helicopter crash, DOHSA)

*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

*Jackson v. Rubicon, Inc., et al*  
2002 1156 (La. App. 3 Cir. 4/2/03), 844 So.2d 394

*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

*Blackburn v. National Union Fire Ins. Co.*  
2000 2668 (La. 4/3/01), 784 So.2d 637

*Eric Vizena, et al v. Union Pacific Railroad Company*  
Civil Action No. 00-1267, In Re: Eunice Train Derailment and all consolidated cases)  
U.S. Dist. Ct., Western District of La, Lafayette-Opelousas Div. (Eunice Train Derailment)

*Rosenthal v. Bethel Apartments, Inc., et al*  
(2000 CC 0287 La. S. Ct. 3/24/2000) 758 So.2d 157

*Roger and Dianne Crowe v. Pearl River Polymers, Inc., et al*  
Civil Suit No. 99-14413, “G,” 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

*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

*Dale Dennis, et al v. C F Industries, Inc.*  
Civil Suit No. 67,243, “C,” 23rd JDC, Ascension Parish, Louisiana

*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, Parish of Orleans, Louisiana (Breast Implant Litigation)

*Vivian Folsie, 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

*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