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Select Areas of Litigation Practice

- Admiralty & Maritime
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- Business (general)
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- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Contractual Indemnity
- Energy Litigation
- Environmental
- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Litigation
- Intellectual Property/Trade Secret/Patent
- International Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Mass Tort & Toxic Tort
- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Professional Risk
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trans. & Motor Vehicles

Education

- South Texas College of Law
Houston, Texas
J.D., 1993
- Abilene Christian University
Abilene, Texas
B.A., 1990

Mark L. Clark

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Shareholder

Mark Clark has successfully provided leadership to his clients in litigated matters for over 29 years. Corporations and major insurers have consistently relied on Mark's trial skills, judgment and tenacity in the trial and arbitration of their matters. His experience covers energy, marine, environmental spills and clean up as well as a large spectrum of litigation in the transportation, construction and commercial arenas. Mr. Clark also has a broad practice in insurance coverage and contractual indemnity litigation. He has had the distinction of being the lead attorney for the Defense in *In Re Larry Doiron, Inc. (2018)*, in which the U.S. Fifth Circuit dramatically changed maritime rules with regard to identifying maritime contracts. Mark's practice is national with a focus on the Gulf South where he is licensed in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Admission to Practice

- Texas, 1994 including all state and federal courts
- Louisiana, 2007 including all state and federal courts
- Mississippi, 2007 including all state and federal courts
- Alabama, 2014 including all state and federal courts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Memberships & Affiliations

- State Bars of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama
- Institute for Energy Law Advisory Board Member
- The Network of Trial Law Firms (NTLF)
- Houston Bar Association
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Houston Young Lawyers Association, Life Fellow
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel,
 - Vice Chair Environmental & Energy Law Committee
- Mariners Club of Houston

Representative Presentations

- Fifth Circuit Indemnity Ruling, *In Re Larry Doiron, Inc.*, Houston Marine Energy and Insurance Conference, September 2018
- *In Re Larry Doiron, Inc.* Panel Discussion, Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, New Orleans, La, March 1, 2018.
- Punitive Damages for Unseaworthiness: *Tabingo* or *McBride* which approach will prevail, Presented to Private Client Group, London, England, April 2017
- Hull and P&I Coverage in the Energy Marine Context. Private Client Group, Houston, Texas, March 2017
- Troublesome Contractors: The Impact of Bridging Safety Agreements on Work Place Safety Rules, Conduct Policies and Litigation Exposures, Houston Association of Corporate Counsel, February, 2017
- Panelist on Oilfield Construction Liabilities. Energi Insurance Services Summit, Washington D.C., October, 2015.
- *Lodwick v. Chevron*: The Limited Pollution Buyback and the Duty to Defend, Presented to the International Association of Asbestos and Pollution Insurers. Cologne, Germany, 2013.

Representative Cases

- Lead defense attorney *In Re Doiron, Inc.* in which the U.S. Fifth Circuit established a new rule of law for determining whether an offshore oilfield services contract is maritime in nature. Successfully defeating an indemnity claim against the client.
- Lead attorney in *Chevron vs. Lodwick* which was the first appellate case in Louisiana to examine the duty to defend under the limited pollution buyback endorsement.
- International Arbitration – Among Mr. Clark’s arbitration highlights he has successfully prosecuted a claim of defective construction of crew boat against a vessel builder, defended an intellectual property claim with regard to subsea equipment, defended insurers in various arbitrated coverage disputes and has defended clients when personal injury claims are sent to arbitration.
- Contractual Indemnity – Represented clients in dozens of lawsuits and third party claims concerning defense and indemnity demands in maritime, Louisiana oilfield, Texas oilfield and construction matters.
- Black Elk West Delta 32 Explosion – Mr. Clark represented a major excess carrier in relation to the trial and settlement of a major offshore explosion involving 18 plaintiffs and several defendants.
- Traumatic Brain Injury – Mr. Clark defended an offshore energy service company in relation to a commercial auto incident involving a traumatic brain injury to an offshore worker.
- Onshore Injury to Rough Neck – Mr. Clark defended a drilling consultant in an onshore blowout case which severely injured a member of the drilling crew.
- Jones Act Representation – Mr. Clark has defended numerous vessel owners and offshore employers in dozens of Jones Act claims.
- Environmental Injury– Mr. Clark has defended personal injury claims arising from environmental exposures including oil spills, blowouts and pollution for drilling fluid stored in unlined earthen pits. Mr. Clark has also defended insurers in coverage litigation related to claims for damages caused by pollution, pollution clean up and restoration, including Louisiana coastal erosion claims.
- Wrongful Death –Mr. Clark has defended clients in several cases concerning wrongful death in the both land based tort and maritime tort claims.
- Commercial Auto – Mr. Clark has handled dozens of trucking claims including paralysis, traumatic brain injury, wrongful death and other injuries primarily arising in the energy or oilfield context.
- Construction Defect – Mr. Clark has defended numerous construction defect claims with relation to the construction of commercial and multi-family residential matters.

Community Service

- Trustee, St. Francis Episcopal School, Houston, Texas
- Director, Board of Harris County Municipal Utility District #372
- Former Senior Warden, St. Francis Episcopal Church Houston, Texas
- Social Committee and Bylaws Committee Member, Royal Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas