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ARTHUR ROGER, CECIL HASKINS AND MARY BETH ROMIG
AND DRs. CHRIS AND AMY VOIGT

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Top Lawyers 2009



ONCE AGAIN WE PROVIDE OUR ANNUAL LIST of Top Lawyers in the New Orleans area. This year we have used the data collection services of a different company, Martindale-Hubbell. The New Providence, N.J.-based company is affiliated with the LexisNexis Corporation. Martindale-Hubbell is a big name in the field of legal resources research. The company has provided this statement about itself and its methodology:

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Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles
Insurance
Professional Liability

Richard E. McCormack
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart &
Moore LLC
Insurance
Labor and Employment

Wayne T. McGaw

Robert B. McNeal
Liskow & Lewis
Energy
Environmental Law

Michael J. Monistere (P.C.)
Milling Benson Woodward
L.L.P.
Employee Benefits
Insurance

R. Todd Musgrave
Musgrave, McLachlan & Penn
Casualty Defense
Products Liability

Colvin G. Norwood Jr., (P.C.)
McGlinchey Stafford
Products Liability

John F. Olinde
Chaffe McCall L.L.P.
Personal Injury
Pharmaceutical and Medical
Device Litigation

Trudy H. Oppenheim
Trudy H. Oppenheim
Personal Injury
Products Liability

Charles R. Penot Jr.
Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna
Professional Liability
Insurance

Marynell L. Piglia
Lowe, Stein, Hoffman,
Allweiss & Hauer
Family Law

William L. Pratt
Everitt, Pratt & Latham
Class Actions
Corporate Law

Lawrence G. Pugh III
Pugh, Accardo, Haas,
Radecker, Carey, Loeb & Hymel
Insurance
Environmental and Toxic Tort

Brian P. Quirk
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart &
Moore LLC
Products Liability
Drug and Medical Devices

Edward J. Rice Jr.
Adams and Reese LLP
Medical Malpractice
Professional Liability

McGready L. Richeson
Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner &
Richeson
Environmental Law
Toxic Torts

Bruce V. Schewe
Phelps Dunbar LLP
Alternative Dispute
Resolution
Appellate Practice

Karen Baumgarten Sher
Berrigan, Litchfield,
Schonekas, Mann, Traña &
Bolner
Appellate Practice

Julie Parelman Silbert

Kean Miller Hawthorne
D'Armond McCowan & Jarman
Environmental Law
Toxic Torts

Randall A. Smith
Smith & Fawer
Banking Law
Business Law

Geoffrey P. Snodgrass
Geoffrey P. Snodgrass
Insurance
Business Law

Molly Steele
Curry & Friend
Appellate Practice
Environmental Law

Mark C. Surprenant
Adams and Reese LLP
Products Liability
Casualty

Robert E. Tarcza
Tarcza & Associates
Estate Planning and Probate
Income, Estate and Gift
Taxation

Susan Snowden Tete
Medo & Tete

Al M. Thompson Jr.
Al M. Thompson
Insurance
Professional Liability

Quentin F. Urquhart Jr.
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart &
Moore LLC
Products Liability
Toxic Torts

Paul N. Vance
Baldwin Haspel Burke &
Mayer LLC
Admiralty and Maritime Law
Insurance

Derek Anthony Walker
Chaffe McCall L.L.P.
Admiralty and Maritime Law
Banking Law

Wade Webster
Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli
Corporate Law
Real Estate

Judith V. Windhorst
Jones, Walker, Waechter,
Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre
L.L.P.
Banking Law
Environmental Law

Anne Derbes Wittmann
Baker, Donelson, Bearman,
Caldwell & Berkowitz
Transportation
Appellate Practice

Bonnie Lynn Zakotnik
Bonnie Lynn Zakotnik
Criminal Trial Law
Appellate Practice in State
and Federal Courts

**LONGSHORE AND
HARBORWORKERS
COMPENSATION ACT**

Patrick E. O'Keefe
Barnett Montgomery
Admiralty and Maritime Law
Communications and Media

**MANAGING PARTNER AND
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
DEVELOPMENT**

Ira Joel Middleberg

Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna
**MANAGING PARTNER AND
NATIONAL MORTGAGE
COMPLIANCE SERVICES**
New Orleans

Michael Lee Riddle
Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna

MARINE COMMERCIAL LAW
New Orleans
Mary C. Broughton
Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli
Casualty Litigation
Insurance

MARITIME DEFENSE
New Orleans
Timothy W. Hassinger
Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins,
Burr & Smith
Insurance
Road Hazard and Highway
Litigation

**MARITIME DEFENSE AND
LITIGATION**
New Orleans
Robert P. McCleskey Jr.
Phelps Dunbar LLP
Contract and Charter
Counseling and Litigation
Insurance Defense and
Coverage Litigation

**MARITIME, OILFIELD AND
INSURANCE**
New Orleans
Donald R. Abaunza
Liskow & Lewis
Aviation, Toxic Tort and
Environmental Litigation
Appellate Practice

Brett D. Wise
Liskow & Lewis

MASS TORT LITIGATION
New Orleans
John J. Cummings III
Cummings, Cummings &
Dudenhefer

MASS TORTS
Covington
Henry Tutt Dart
Dart, Henry
Toxic Torts
Admiralty and Maritime Law

George E. Cain Jr.
Fritel L.L.C.
Class Actions
Medical Malpractice

Michael G. Stag
Smith Stag
Class Actions
Environmental Law

**MEDICAL AND LEGAL
MALPRACTICE AND
MARITIME**
New Orleans
William K. Christovich
Christovich & Kearney
Products Liability Law

**MEDICAL LIABILITY AND
HEALTH CARE**
New Orleans
Bruce A. Craner
Fritel L.L.C.
Commercial Litigation and
Bankruptcy
Products Liability

Peter E. Sperling
Fritel L.L.C.
Professional Liability

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Houma
Philip J. McMahon
McMahon & McCollam
Insurance
Real Estate

Mandeville
Aldric C. Poirier Jr.
Blue Williams
Admiralty and Maritime Law
Banking Law

Metairie
Paul M. Batiza (P.C.)
Mang, Batiza, Gaudin &
Godofsky

C. A. Fleming III
Personal Injury

Mary Fuchs Gaudin
Mang, Batiza, Gaudin &
Godofsky

Harvey J. Godofsky
Mang, Batiza, Gaudin & Godofsky
General Casualty Insurance Law
Insurance

Stephen M. Pizzo
Blue Williams
Health Care
Professional Liability

Lucie E. Thornton
Burglass & Tankersley
Insurance

Harry T. Widmann
Harry T. Widmann
Personal Injury
Automobile Accidents

New Orleans
David A. Bowling
Wilson, Bowling & McKinney
Insurance
Business Law

Donna S. Cummings
Cummings, Cummings &
Dudenhefer

Robert J. David
Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David,
Meunier & Warshawer
Personal Injury

Michael J. Ecuyer
Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David,
Meunier & Warshawer
Personal Injury
Admiralty and Maritime Law

Karen M. Fontana
Niles, Bourque, Fontana & Rice
Health Care
Litigation

Charles F. Gay Jr.
Adams and Reese LLP
Products Law
Professional Liability

**Maury A. Herman (A
Professional Law
Corporation)**
Herman, Herman, Katz & Cotlar
Personal Injury
Class Actions

Joseph A. Kott M.D., J.D.
Herman, Herman, Katz & Cotlar
Health Care
Personal Injury

**Margaret A. "Peggy"
LeBlanc**
Margaret A. "Peggy" LeBlanc
Successions (Probate)
Premises Liability Defense

Jeffrey A. Mitchell
The Cochran Firm - Metairie
Automobile Accidents

Products Liability

Camilo K. Salas III
Salas L.C.
Products Liability
Admiralty and Maritime Law

Richard A. Thompson
Thompson Law Firm

Deborah A. Van Meter
McGlinchey Stafford
Products Liability
Personal Injury

Mark R. Wolfe
Wolfe, Begoun & Pick
Personal Injury
Life & Health Insurance
Defense

River Ridge
Daniel J. Mackel Jr.
Pediatrics Malpractice
Personal Injury

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
LAW**
Metairie
Thomas P. Anzelmo
McCrane, Sistrunk, Anzelmo,
Hardy & McDaniel P.C.
Personal Injury Damage Claims
Premises Liability Litigation

New Orleans
Hugh M. Glenn Jr.
Bienvenu, Foster, Ryan &
O'Bannon
Products Liability Law
Torts Litigation

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS
New Orleans
Shawn M. Bridgewater
Chaffe McCall L.L.P.

Corporate Law
Zoning, Planning and Land Use
Joseph L. Caverly (P.C.)
Stone Pigman Walther
Wittmann L.L.C.
Corporate Law
Securities

Paul M. Haygood
Fishman Haygood Phelps
Walmsley Willis & Swanson
Corporate Law
Securities

Robert L. Redfearn
Simon, Peragine, Smith &
Redfearn
Natural Resources
Banking Law

Leon J. Reymond III
Stone Pigman Walther
Wittmann L.L.C.
Taxation
Business Law

Scott T. Whittaker
Stone Pigman Walther
Wittmann L.L.C.
Corporate Law
Securities

MINERAL AND ENERGY LAW
New Orleans
C. Peck Hayne Jr.
Gordon, Arata, McCollam,
Duplantis & Eagan
Oil, Gas, Pipeline and Gas
Storage Title Examination
Acquisitions

NATURAL GAS LIABILITY
New Orleans
G. Bruce Parkerson
Plauche Maselli Parkerson
L.L.P.

Products Liability
Premises Liability

NATURAL RESOURCES

Belle Chasse
Mark A. Pivach
Pivach, Pivach, Hufft,
Thriffley & Nolan
Admiralty and Maritime Law
Personal Injury

Covington
James A. Barton III
James A. Barton
Real Estate

L. Linton Morgan
Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson
Commercial Law
Corporate Law

Mandeville
Andrew J. S. Jumonville
Andrew J. S. Jumonville

Metairie
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Real Estate
Litigation

Frank S. Kennedy
Frank S. Kennedy
Wills and Probate
Real Estate

Richard F. Price Jr.
Richard F. Price
Real Estate
Estate Planning

New Orleans
Blake G. Arata (A P.L.C.)
Gordon, Arata, McCollam,
Duplantis & Eagan
Business Law
Energy

Stacy Smith Brown
Carver, Darden, Koretzky,
Tessier, Finn, Blossman &
Araux
Contracts

M. Taylor Darden
Carver, Darden, Koretzky,
Tessier, Finn, Blossman &
Araux
Real Estate
Expropriation

John A. Gordon (A P.L.C.)
Gordon, Arata, McCollam,
Duplantis & Eagan
Energy

Lambert M. Laperouse
Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse
F. Henri Lapeyre Jr. (P.L.C.)
Lapeyre and Lapeyre
Litigation
Corporate Law

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Milling Benson Woodward L.L.P.
Property and Environmental Law
Banking Law

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Gordon, Arata, McCollam,
Duplantis & Eagan
Contracts
Commercial Law

Cynthia A. Nicholson
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Duplantis & Eagan
Energy
Real Estate

Scott A. O'Connor
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