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Profession: Attorney – Arbitrator – Mediator

Managing  
Partner: Dodson & Hooks, LLC – 1997– Present

Education: Juris Doctorate, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University – 1997  
B.S. Finance Southeastern Louisiana University – 1994

Legal Practice: 1997 – Present  
Represents local and foreign clients in state, federal and international tribunals

ADR Education Training:

- Harvard Negotiation Institute - Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School. Boston, MA. Oct. 2015
- AAA International Center for Dispute Resolution – Seafarer/Cruise Line Personal Injury Panel. Miami, FL. 2015
- Louisiana State Bar Association Attorney Dispute Arbitration Panel
- Mediation Training Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2024

Admissions to Practice:

- All Louisiana State and Federal Courts, United States Court of Appeals for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, United States Supreme Court, United States District Court of Columbia
- *Pro Hac Vice* Admissions: State Courts of Texas, Mississippi, California, Federal Courts of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Puerto Rico, Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia, and The High Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Teaching Experience:

- Establishing Maritime Jurisdiction in the United States Over Non-US Seafarer Injuries Occurring Abroad, 6<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Maritime and Admiralty Law, Istanbul, Turkey – November 2022

- What is a Seaman under the United States Jones Act – Sailing Rapidly Through the History, International Symposium on the History of Maritime and Insurance Law, Istanbul, Turkey - November 2022
- Admiralty Law – Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Spring 2007 – 2021
- Maritime Personal Injury – Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Fall 2007 – 2021
- Primer on United States Maritime Law, Forum Selection and Forum Non-Conveniens, Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey, October 2012
- Primer on Maritime Vessel Automated Information Systems, Continuing Education Seminar, Louisiana Association for Justice
- Louisiana Statutory Immunities, Last Chance Seminar, Louisiana Association for Justice
- International Maritime Law – Tulane University/The Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law, Rhodes, Greece, June, 2012
- Research and clerking experience: Research assistant to Distinguished Professor Lucy McGough, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University 1995 – 1997; Research Assistant to General Counsel Louisiana Bankers Association 1995 – 1996; Research Assistant to Executive Director of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association (now Louisiana Association for Justice) 1996 – 1997

#### Practical Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience:

- Special Master – Appointed to oversee 100 cases involving first party insurance claims stemming from hurricane destruction to homes and businesses, Complex Litigation Section, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.
- Appointed Neutral – United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana to assist in facilitating resolution of over 700 pending federal court hurricane lawsuits.
- Arbitrator – AAA – International Center for Dispute Resolution Cruise Line and Seafarer Arbitration Panel.
- Arbitrator – Louisiana State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution, Fee Dispute Arbitration Panel, Lawyer/Lawyer – Lawyer/Client.
- Arbitrator – London Maritime Arbitration Association, Cruise Line/Seafarer Injury and Wage Dispute.
- Experience in handling cases involving the Federal Arbitration Act and the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards representing parties in the development of the Convention’s application to United States Maritime Law, including national and international seamen. Experience with cases involving the Convention, forum non-conveniens, forum selection clause and arbitration agreements nationally and internationally at all levels of state and federal courts, including briefing to the Louisiana, Texas and United States Supreme Courts. Experience in all aspects of statutory and general maritime law with the application of state, federal and international law.

- Drafted Multiple United States Supreme Court Amici briefs involving maritime law issues, including national and international arbitration matters. Participated in over 100 alternative dispute resolution proceedings involving United States and foreign nationals.

#### Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminars/Studies:

- ICDR International Symposia in Advanced Case Management Issues
- Writing Arbitration Awards: A Guide for Arbitrators
- Effective Mediation from a Mediator's Perspective
- Best Use of Med-Arb: The Advantages of Using Med-Arb to Settle Disputes
- ICDR Awards and Commentaries –Just How Different is International Arbitration vs. Domestic Arbitrations
- Commercial Arbitration – Getting Your Feet Wet
- Mediation Training Company, New Orleans, Louisiana (40-hour course to meet Louisiana requirements)
- Handling Hurricane Disputes: Maps Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems, Inc., Informal Special Master Training, New Orleans, LA

#### Professional Associations:

- American Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, Middle District of Louisiana Federal Bar Association, American Association for Justice, Louisiana Association for Justice

#### Professional Honors:

- Martindale Hubble AV Rated
- Best Law Firms, U.S. News & World Report, Tier 1
- Louisiana Super Lawyers, 2011 – 2024

#### Volunteer Activities:

- Admiralty Moot Court Advisor – Southern University Law Center – 2015
- Southern University Maritime Law Society Advisor – Southern University Law Center 2014 – 2017
- Endowment of the Dodson & Hooks Professorship, Southern University Law Center
- Endowment of Dodson & Hooks Maritime Chair, Louisiana State University
- Treasurer, Country Club of Louisiana Board of Directors – 2019 – 2023