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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Air & Ocean Transportation Claims (COGSA, Warsaw Convention)
Admiralty/Maritime Litigation
Arbitration
Energy/Oilfield Litigation
Federal Workers' Compensation (LHWCA, OCSLA, DBA)
General Civil Litigation
Insurance
Jones Act
Non-Subscriber Claims
Personal Injury/Wrongful Death Defense
Property Damage
Products Liability
Premises Liability
Toxic Tort
Transportation

EDUCATION

Tulane University, LL.M. (Admiralty), 1986
University of Southampton, England, Maritime Law Institute, 1983-84
Pepperdine University, Juris Doctor, 1984
Abilene Christian University, B.B.A., 1981

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brown Sims, P.C., Shareholder, 2000 to Present
Brown, Sims, Wise & White, Principal, 1994 to 1999
Brown, Sims, Wise & White, Associate, 1986-1993

Member, Texas Association of Defense Counsel; Defense Research Institute;
Maritime Law Association of the United States; Houston Maritime Arbitrators

Association; Houston Bar Association; Propeller Club of the United States; Phi
Alpha Delta

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

State Bar of Texas; United States Supreme Court ; United States Court of International Trade; United States Court of Appeals - Fifth Circuit; United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

SEMINARS

Speaker at public and private seminars presented by client and professional groups on various issues related to products liability, toxic torts, general civil litigation, maritime law, personal injury and death claims, claims under federal workers' compensation laws, personal injury and property damage arising from onshore and offshore oil and gas operations, and maritime liens.

Federal Benefist Available to Texas Workers, sponsored by Sterling Education, Houston, Texas, 2009.

Third Party Claims for Injury or Death, sponsored by Sterling Education, Houston, Texas, 2009.

Maritime Personal Injury Seminar, sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, January 2009.

Remedies for Longshore/OCSLA Workers, presented at Annual Maritime Personal Injury in Texas Seminar, sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, 2005-2009.

Third-Party Maritime Claims (LHWCA, OCSLA, DBA, Maritime) Presented at Annual Maritime Personal Injury in Texas Seminar, sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, 2005-2009.

Remedies Available to Texas Employees Arising Out of the Employment Relationship (W/C, LHWCA/OCSLA, DBA), sponsored by National Business Institute, Houston, Texas, 2006.

Critical Steps You Must Take After an Accident, sponsored by National Business Institute, Houston, Texas, 2006.

Coverage Disputes and Reservation of Rights, presented at *Trucking Liability Seminar*, sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, September 2005.

HB4: Texas Tort Reform, presented at *Trucking Liability Seminar*, sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, September 2005.

Wrongful Death Claims, sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, 2005.

Overview of Remedies Available to Texas Employees (LHWCA OCSLA, DBA, Maritime), sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas, April 2005.

Navigating the Bermuda Triangle: Staying in Compliance with the Overlapping Provisions of FMLA, ADA, and Texas Workers' Compensation Laws, sponsored by Council on Education in Management, Dallas, Texas, 2005.

Trying the Wrongful Death Case In Texas: Strategies in Preparation and Valuation, Texas Trial Preparation Seminar, July 2004, sponsored by National Business Institute, Houston, Texas.

Wrongful Death Claims, sponsored by National Business Institute, Houston, Texas, 2003.

IN-HOUSE CLIENT SEMINAR TOPICS:

- Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction
- Damages under Texas and Federal Law for Injury and Death
- Jurisdiction of Jones Act and Longshore Claims
- Insurance Coverage and Reservation of Rights
- Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act/Bad Faith
- Trial of Gross Negligence Claims
- The Duty To Defend In Texas
- Employers Liability Claims
- Foreign Injury and Death Claims
- LHWCA Claims, Practice and Procedure
- Maritime Subrogation
- Maritime Liens
- Oilfield Property Damage and Injury Claims
- Preparation and Trial of Maritime Injury and Death Claims
- Professional Liability and Medical Liability in Texas
- Products Liability and Class Actions in Texas
- Subrogation Claims
- Texas Asbestos/Silica Update
- Toxic Tort Claims