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Attorney at law

Education

Lycée Français de New York, Baccalauréat Série Sciences Expérimentales 1966, Mention Assez Bien

Brown University, Providence Rhode Island, B.A. (Honors)(cum laude) French Literature, 1970. Phi Beta Kappa

Brown University, Providence Rhode Island, M.A. (Honors) French Literature, 1970

New York University School of Law, Juris Doctor (cum laude), 1973, Order of the Coif

Professional Experience

40+ years of practice in the areas of criminal law, civil litigation, admiralty and maritime law, aviation law, insurance and reinsurance in numerous federal and state courts in the US

Lead counsel for the Republic of France in the Amoco Cadiz Oil Spill litigation

Counsel for Native Corporations in the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill litigation

Counsel for numerous French insurers and reinsurers in major litigations and arbitrations in the US

Acted as counsel for Bureau Veritas in numerous litigations and disputes in the US

Acts as Counsel for AXAXL and Air France in numerous personal injury defense cases under the Montréal Convention

Acts for a major French cruise line in regulatory matters and litigation

Admitted in the US Supreme Court, the federal courts of appeals for the First, Second Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Tenth Circuits and the DC Circuit Court of Appeals

Admitted the federal district courts for the Southern, Northern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of Massachusetts, the Eastern District of Michigan, the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California and the District of Columbia

Admitted to the state bars of New York, Massachusetts, California and the District of Columbia

Other Activities / Additional Information

Accredited Proctor in Admiralty by the Maritime Law Association of the United States

Adjunct Professor of Maritime and Transportation Law at Brooklyn Law School

Active Member of the Aeronautics Committee of the Bar Association of the City of New York

Member of the Admiralty and Maritime Law section of the American Bar Association

President of the Insurance Law Commission of the Union Internationale des Avocats

Member of the Governing Board of the UIA

Member, Maritime Law Association of the United States, the American Bar Association, the New York City Bar, the New York County Lawyers Association (former President Admiralty and Maritime Law Commission), the Union Internationale des Avocats (former President Transport Law Commission), membre correspondant of the AFDM

Numerous publications in the *Juriste*, the DMF and *Seatrade*, and frequent speaker and lecturer at conferences and at the Journée Ripert

Rated AV (highest rating) by Martindale-Hubbell, voted New York « Super Lawyer » from 2006- present., voted a « Best Lawyer » in the NY Metro area in admiralty and aviation law

Recipient Silver Medal from the Caisse de Dépôt et des Consignations

Recipient of a « taupe de bouche » as a thank you from the Association Amicale du Commissariat de la Marine for work on the Amoco Cadiz oil spill case

Named in the Marquis publications *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in Education* and *Who's Who in the World*

