



John E. Holloway
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With more than 30 years of experience, John has handled a wide range of issues for shipowners, terminals, banks, cargo owners and others. He emphasizes early evaluation of cases and provides risk assessments and strategy recommendations informed by substantial experience.

John represents owners of commercial vessels (ships, barges, tugs and dredges) in personal injury, death, pollution, collision, ship fire and cargo cases and hedge funds, banks, vessel owners, shipyards and construction companies in matters involving U.S. cabotage laws and marine insurance coverage opinions and litigation. He also reviews and negotiates maritime contracts, including ocean shipping service agreements, charters, towage contracts, bills of lading and other shipping documents, and resolves logistics issues stemming from arrest of cargo or vessels.

In litigation matters, John emphasizes early evaluation and collaboration with the client to assess goals and develop options. He evaluates and communicates the risks and benefits of each course and works with the client to develop a strategy early in the case, and he has a track record of achieving his clients' goals.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Maritime

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained favorable outcomes in numerous maritime death and injury cases, including jury verdicts and summary judgments
- Represented shipyards, vessel operators, construction companies, banks and hedge funds in regulatory matters, including cabotage laws (e.g., Jones Act, Dredge Act) and coastwise laws administered by the Maritime Administration, Customs and Border Patrol, and the Coast Guard
- Handled marine product liability cases involving lashing gear, asbestos or transportation of dangerous cargoes
- Assisted clients with transportation issues involving containers held for demurrage or to secure *in rem* claims
- Assisted clients negotiating ocean shipping service contracts and other transportation documents (charters, towages agreements, etc.)
- Represented both foreign banks financing fishing fleet operations and fishing vessel operators in casualty cases, in buy/sell transactions and in regulatory matters
- Consulted with foreign governments and vendors to evaluate fisheries regulations and use of artificial intelligence technology in fisheries enforcement
- Represented ship operators in matters governed by OPA 90 and APPS (including oil spills and oily water separator cases)
- Handled matters involving alleged violations of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act
- Represented salvors, including treasure salvors, in admiralty proceedings to establish title to items found or salvaged in both territorial waters and the high seas

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*; Norfolk Admiralty and Maritime Law “Lawyer of the Year,” 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2007–2025
- BTI Client Service All Stars, 2023
- Top Lawyers, *CoVaBIZ*, 2024
- Best of the Best USA, Shipping and Maritime, 2021
- Super Lawyers, 2007-2021, 2023-2024
- *Virginia Business*, Legal Elite, 2014-2015, 2018
- AV® Rated; Martindale-Hubbell
- Law Clerk to Hon. Robert G. Doumar, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1987-1988
- *George Mason Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief, 1987

ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Average Adjusters of the United States and Canada
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Southeast Admiralty Law Institute
- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference
- Propeller Club of Hampton Roads
- Honorary Consul of Iceland, 2000-2017
- Adjunct Professor of Admiralty Law, College of William & Mary, 2001-2014

MILITARY SERVICE

- Captain; United States Marine Corps, 1981-1987

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- North Carolina
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Professional and Community Involvement
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia

EDUCATION

- Virginia Military Institute: B.A., 1981
- George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School; J.D., 1987

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2025, 7 Named “Lawyer of the Year,” and 13 Named “Ones to Watch”
- 15 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and 5 Named as Virginia Rising Stars 2024
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2024 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 54 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2024, 6 Named “Lawyer of the Year,” and 10 Named “Ones to Watch”
- John E. Holloway Named to BTI’s Client Service All-Stars 2023
- 17 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 4 Named as Rising Stars
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023, 4 Named “Lawyer of the Year,” and 8 Named “Ones to Watch”
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022, 4 Named “Lawyer of the Year,” and 8 Named “Ones to Watch”
- John E. Holloway Named to 2021 “*Best of the Best USA*” for Shipping and Maritime Law
- *Apricots*, Indigo River Publishing, 2019.
- “Judicial Activism in Maritime Cases,” 43 Tul. Mar. L. J. 21, Winter 2018

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

- “Another Vietnam,” The Sewanee Review, Fall 2016
- “Admiralty Cases and Materials,” book review, 30 Tal. Mar. L. J. 535, Winter/Summer 2006
- “Mistaken LHWCA Compensation Payments: Subrogation Lien or Third Party Credit?,” Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce, January 1999
- Fourth Circuit Review, Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, January 1998
- “Jury Trials in Admiralty,” 29 Moore’s Federal Practice 704.8 (3d ed.), January 1997
- “Rule 14(c): Special Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims,” 29 Moore’s Federal Practice 704.06[1] to [2][1] (3d ed.), January 1997
- “Ocean Shipping,” contributing author, Antitrust Law Developments (4th ed.), ABA Section of Antitrust Law