

John P. Kavanagh, Jr.

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John Kavanagh works with clients to provide solutions to problems and to avoid potential problems for business interests along the waterfront. John's experience and close relationships with the USCG, surveyors, port authorities and repair facilities help facilitate expedited resolutions to the multiple (and sometimes unique) issues facing maritime clients.

He is a member of the firm's transportation and maritime team and has been recognized by many highly regarded organizations and directories nationwide.

Born and raised on the nearby Mississippi Gulf Coast, John has practiced in Mobile since 1993. After graduating from the University of South Alabama, John attended Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, serving as a Managing Editor of the *Tulane Law Review*. Following law school, John served as a law clerk to the Hon. John M. Duhe, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Professional / Community Development

Since 2015, John has been a judge tasked with grading briefs submitted by law students in the "Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition," sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law. This is the second year he has participated in this interscholastic appellate advocacy competition.

John is a long-standing participant and judge of the Mississippi State Bar's High School Mock Trial Competition for the Coast Regional Rounds in Gulfport, MS.

Honors & Recognition

- Named, *Chambers USA*, Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Litigation (2013-2023)

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Paralegal

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CAPABILITIES

Commercial Litigation

Maritime

Insurance

Insurance Litigation & Coverage

Product Liability

Transportation & Logistics

EDUCATION

J.D., Tulane University Law School
magna cum laude

B.A., University of South Alabama
summa cum laude

LICENSED IN

Alabama

Mississippi

John P. Kavanagh, Jr.

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Admiralty & Maritime Law since 2007, Commercial Litigation since 2022, Insurance Law since 2022, Litigation- Insurance since 2023, Transportation Law since 2023
 - Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Lawyer of the Year," Admiralty & Maritime Law (2023)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Transportation/Maritime (2016–2018, 2022)
- *Alabama Super Lawyers*, Transportation/Maritime (2011–2015)

News

- 58 Burr Attorneys Named to 2023 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, 11.28.2023
- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- 61 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers USA
Firm News, 06.01.2023
- 63 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Chambers USA
Firm News, 06.03.2022
- Burr's John Kavanagh Featured in *Future Marine Fuels & Lubes*
Firm News, 05.20.2013

Speaking Engagements

- Speaking: German Shipbuilding, Maritime and Offshore Technology Delegation
Speaking Engagement, Omni; New Orleans, LA, 06.04.2018

Articles

- *Mercer Law Review*: Number 4 Eleventh Circuit Survey (2020)
Articles / Publications, 12.07.2020
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) // Emergency Declaration Allowing Regulatory Reprieve for Carriers and Drivers Providing "Direct Assistance" to COVID-19 Relief
Articles / Publications, 03.20.2020
- *Bloomberg Law Insight*: Practical Effects from the Supreme Court's Decision Limiting Punitive Damages for Sailors
Articles / Publications, 08.29.2019
- "Automobile Manufacturing Drives the Need to Strengthen Infrastructure in Southeast," *Transportation & Logistics International* (Vol. 8, Issue 3A)
Articles / Publications, 05.14.2019
- "Driving Southeastern Infrastructure Growth," *Industry Today* (March 2018)
Articles / Publications, 03.27.2019

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Professional Activities

- Alabama Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Mobile County, AL Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, Louisiana
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- The Propeller Club of the United States
- Maritime Law Association of the United States