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PRACTICE AREAS

Admiralty & Maritime
Transportation

INDUSTRIES

Maritime

LICENSED IN

Georgia

EDUCATION

Mercer University Walter F. George
School of Law: J.D., cum laude, 1972
University of Georgia: M.P.A., 1969
University of Georgia: B.A., 1966

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Federation of Defense and Corporate
Counsel: Maritime Law Committee
Maritime Law Association of the United
States: Committee on Marine Ecology
and Criminal Law, Committee on Marine
Torts and Casualties

EXPERIENCE

David Sipple is a partner in the Savannah office and practices in the areas of admiralty law and insurance law.

David is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Georgia. He is a member of the Savannah Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the State Bar of Georgia. David also belongs to the Maritime Law Association of the United States, in which he serves on the Committee on Marine Ecology and Criminal Law and the Committee on Marine Torts and Casualties; the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, in which he is a past chairman of the Institute; and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, in which he serves on the Maritime Law Committee. David has been an associate editor of the publication *American Maritime Cases* since 1997.

He is the author of several articles on admiralty law published in the *Mercer Law Review* and was a speaker on the topic of Eleventh Circuit, Sixth Circuit, and Eighth Circuit Review at the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute's 1995 and 2004 Continuing Legal Education seminars. David also spoke at the 2009 annual meeting of the Maritime Law Association of the United States on the topic of Legal Professionalism.

David is a past member of the board of directors of the International Seamen's House and is a past president of the Port of Savannah Propeller Club. He is also a past president of the Hibernian Society of Savannah and a past chairman of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute.

David graduated with a B.A. in 1966 and a master's in Public Administration in 1969 from the University of Georgia. He received a J.D., cum laude, from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1972.

PRESENTATIONS

When is a Time Charterer Liable Under U.S. Law for a Longshoreman (Stevedore) Personal Injury Occurring During a Cargo Operation
Presented to the Swedish P&I Club in Gothenburg, Sweden, in May 2016.

Vessel Surge and Wash Damage Claims under U.S. Maritime Law
Lecture delivered to Skuld and Swedish P&I Clubs in Oslo, Norway and Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2012.

Savannah Bar Association

Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute:
Past Chairman of the Institute

State Bar of Georgia

COMMUNITY WORK

American Lung Association of Georgia:
Board of Directors, Past Member

German Heritage Society

Hibernian Society of Savannah: Past
President

International Seaman's House: Board of
Directors, Past Member

Propeller Club of the United States – Port
of Savannah Chapter: Past President

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers in America: Admiralty &
Maritime Law, 1995-2024

Lawyer of the Year: Admiralty & Maritime
Law, 2011 & 2017

Georgia Super Lawyers: 2004

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rated