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McALPINE & COZAD
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McAlpine & Cozad is an established civil litigation firm founded in 1977 with its office located on New Orleans' historic Canal Street. The offices are situated in close proximity to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and are within a few blocks of the Louisiana District, Appellate and Supreme Courts.

The firm practices in a wide variety of federal, state and local forums. The varying fields of practice reflect the diversity of the firm's clients and their needs. The firm's principal areas of practice include admiralty, energy, general casualty, toxic tort, products liability, commercial litigation, as well as all facets of insurance litigation, negotiations and coverage disputes. In addition to the representation of numerous national and international insurance companies and underwriters, the firm's clients include independent oil companies, offshore and marine service contractors, local corporations and individuals.

The firm strives to strike a balance between the traditional one to one relationship of attorney and client and the exigencies of today's increasingly complex legal problems that often require the attention of a team of attorneys. The size and composition of the firm afford the unique opportunity to offer clients personal service and a fee advantage not always obtainable from larger law firms. The firm's size requires the close involvement of the partner in all aspects of litigation while permitting the utilization of an associate for work of a less intensive nature not always demanding the partner's personal attention. The firm also maintains a paraprofessional staff, computerized research facility, complete library, a document retrieval system, in-house computers and advanced word processing systems to support its attorneys.

Attorneys at McAlpine & Cozad are involved in their profession and community through a number of ways in addition to the private practice of law. The members of the firm are active in the American, Texas, Louisiana and New Orleans Bar Associations, as well as various professional organizations and committees including membership in the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Maritime Law Association, Defense Research Institute, Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute and New Orleans Mariners Club. Attorneys in the firm also frequently lecture at continuing legal education seminars.

McAlpine & Cozad is dedicated to representing its clients to the fullest extent possible in all federal, state and local courts in Louisiana. While the attorneys provide a full range of services to the firm's clients, they have obtained particular success in the course of their litigation practice. The firm is listed in Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and is given the highest rating by Martindale Hubbell.

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Preparatory education: Louisiana State University; Legal education: Tulane University of Louisiana (J.D. 1969). Admitted to Bar 1969, Louisiana and all Federal Courts in the state of Louisiana as well as the United States Supreme Court (1992). Also admitted to the State Bar of Texas 2008.

Practiced with New Orleans law firm of Terriberry, Carroll, Yancey & Farrell from June, 1969 to December, 1976. A partner in that firm from January, 1974 until withdrawal. Handled both admiralty and casualty litigation matters with heavy emphasis on trial work involving personal injury and collision. Since then, at McAlpine & Cozad, he has continued to conduct a general litigation practice while trying cases in a myriad of jurisdictions across the country.

A frequent speaker at CLE and similar seminars and conferences, Mr. McAlpine has been named one of Louisiana's Super Lawyers and one of Louisiana's Top Attorneys in the Super Lawyer Section of Louisiana Life Magazine.

Memberships: New Orleans Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and Maritime Law Association of the United States. Chairman of Southeast States Admiralty Law and Marine Transportation Conference



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Preparatory education: Loyola University of New Orleans (B.A. 1972).

Legal education: Tulane University (J.D. 1976, L.L.M. 1997). Member of the Tulane National Moot Court Team, Southern Regional Moot Court Team and International Law Moot Court Team. Mr. Cozad also completed the Master of Laws Program at Tulane Law School obtaining a degree in Energy and Environmental Law. In this graduate program, Mr. Cozad has received special training in Pollution Control Law, Energy Law, Hazardous Waste Law, Marine Pollution, Louisiana Environmental Law, Regulation of Toxic Substances, Toxic Tort Litigation and Marine Insurance.

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Professional Experience: Admitted to Bar 1976, Louisiana and all Louisiana Federal Courts. United States Supreme Court, 1992; Texas, 1998. Law clerk to the Honorable Nauman S. Scott, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. 1977-78. From 1978 to the present with the McAlpine firm, now McAlpine & Cozad. E-mail address: rcozad@mcaldpinelaw.com

Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association, Federal Bar Association and Maritime Law Association. Mr. Cozad is also a member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Mariner's Club.

Honors/Activities: Mr. Cozad has given numerous speeches and presentations to various industry groups on topics including maintenance and cure, punitive damages, vessel seizures, developments in the maritime law, contractual indemnity, marine and general liability insurance, OPA 90, NORM claims, welding rod litigation and other like topics. Mr. Cozad has also been recognized as a Louisiana "Super Lawyer" as well as a New Orleans "Top Lawyer" and has received an AV (highest possible) rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the only nationally recognized attorney rating agency. Mr. Cozad is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Tulane Law School co-teaching a course in Marine Insurance II.



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Preparatory education: University of Virginia (B.A. 1977); **Legal education:** Louisiana State University (J.D. 1980). Admitted to Bar 1980, Louisiana; 1995, Texas; all Louisiana Federal Courts; United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Author: "Liability of an Insurance Broker for the Insolvency of an Insurance Company with which He Has Placed Coverage," 38 La. Bar Journal no. 3.

Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel; Maritime Law Association of the United States.



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Preparatory Education: Vanderbilt University (B.A. 2009)

Legal Education: Loyola University New Orleans School of Law (J.D. 2012). While at Loyola, Ms. Lisotta was a member of the Loyola Maritime Law Journal and served as the Selection Chair of the Loyola Moot Court Executive Board. She received the International Law Certificate, the LaNasa0Greco Merit Scholarship and the Academic Excellence Award for the highest grade in ERISA Litigation. Ms. Lisotta is also in the process of obtaining her L.L.M. at Tulane University in the field of Energy and Environmental Law. In this graduate program, Ms. Lisotta has received special training in the areas of Energy Law, Toxic Tort Litigation, Hazardous Waste Law, Coastal & Wetlands Law, and Oil & Gas Law.

Professional Experience: Admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 2012 for all state and Louisiana federal courts. Prior to joining McAlpine & Cozad, Ms. Lisotta worked for Entergy Corporation with the legal department as a law clerk from 2011-2012.

Author: "In Over Our Heads: Fixing the Inefficiencies of the National Flood Insurance Program & Federal Tax Incentives." 10 Loy. Mar. L.J. 511 (2012).

Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; New Orleans Bar Association; Federal Bar Association, Admiralty & Maritime Section

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