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Geoffrey Ormsby is veteran trial order who has successfully handled a variety of complex litigation matters securing multi-million dollar judgments and/or settlements in commercial, first party insurance, community property, and environmental litigation matters. Previous to joining Smith & Fawer, Geoffrey was a successful maritime and casualty defense lawyer, handling matters pertaining to contractual disputes between oil and gas operators and contractors, Jones Act and general maritime law claims, environmental claims, including mass toxic torts, employment discrimination claims, general casualty claims, including rig collapse and loss hole claims, cargo claims, salvage claims, and charter party disagreements. Geoffrey secured several dismissals on dispositive motions and/or at trial, and represented such entities as Nabors Offshore Corporation, Chevron U.S.A, Shell Oil, Co., Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.L.P., Noble Drilling (U.S.) Inc., BBC Chartering GmbH, Industrial Maritime Carriers (Bahamas), Inc., Nordana Lines and U.K. Underwriters.

EDUCATION:

TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor Cum Laude, May 1995

Recipient of the Curren R. Liskow Award for outstanding performance in Oil & Gas Law Certificate in Environmental Law

Moot Court Finalist

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS/AMHERST

B.A. Legal Studies Cum Laude, May 1988

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND/Australia; February 1987-November 1987

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- Louisiana
- Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Easter and Western District of Virginia
- U.S Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit
- U.S Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit

LANGUAGES:

- Understanding of Spanish, Russian and Greek, as well as some coursework in Mandarin Chinese

ACTIVITIES:

- Member of prior firm's recruiting committee

- Supervisor of prior firm's summer clerkship program
- Guest speaker at Tulane University Law School

PERSONAL:

- Active rugby player, having played in Australia, England, Ireland, Canada, and Bermuda
- Past coach for New Orleans Rugby Club, leading them to the USA Rugby National Championships at highest level of rugby competition in the United States on two separate occasions
- Current assistant coach for Tulane Women's Rugby Club, assisting in winning one of two national championships they participated in