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Geoffrey Ormsby is veteran trial lawyer 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. Prior to joining Smith & Fawer, Geoffrey was a successful oil and gas and maritime defense lawyer, handling matters pertaining to contractual disputes between oil and gas operators and contractors, rig collapse and well blowout litigation, charter party disagreements, Jones Act and general maritime law personal injury claims, cargo and salvage claims, as well as environmental claims, including mass toxic torts. 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 (Inactive)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia
- U.S Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit
- U.S Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit

### **LANGUAGES:**

- Coursework in Spanish, Russian, and Mandarin Chinese, as well as an understanding of Greek

**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 the team to the USA Rugby National Championships at the highest level of rugby competition in the United States on two separate occasions
- Current assistant for Tulane Women's Rugby Club, having assisted team in winning two collegiate national championships