

Admiralty and Maritime Law Group



Our maritime team is available 24/7 to assist clients and provide guidance when an emergency response is required.

CWM has been a leading maritime and admiralty law firm in Virginia since its establishment in 1923. The firm represents clients in matters involving vessel accidents, cargo damage, vessel and marina fires, personal injury and death, limitation of liability, vessel arrest and attachment, marine salvage and pollution. With respect to U.S. marine casualties, the firm also represents vessel owners and operators in U.S. Coast Guard and OSHA investigations, as well as civil penalty proceedings with the Coast Guard. Maritime clients are also served in commercial matters including vessel construction, finance, chartering and documentation, as well as vessel and facility pollution response plans.

We serve a broad cross-section of marine underwriters on a spectrum of maritime insurance issues, including defense, coverage determinations and disputes, bad faith defense, reservations, declaratory actions, reinsurance, excess liability and subrogation. Underwriter interests represented include all aspects of marine and inland transportation, including hull and machinery, cargo, pollution, P&I, F.D.&D., marine products liability defense, toxic tort, ship repairers and subrogation.

Located on the historic waterfront of the Elizabeth River in Norfolk, Virginia, the firm is situated to serve the maritime legal needs in the heart of the country's premier naval, shipbuilding, and terminal operations port.

Representative Clients:

- Dredging Companies
- Commercial Fishing
- Importers and Exporters
- Marina Owners and Operators
- Marine Construction Companies
- Marine Fuel Suppliers
- Marine Salvors
- Shipyards
- Terminal Operators
- Tug and Barge Operators
- U.S. and London Market Insurers
- Vessel Owners and Operators

Our team of attorneys are experienced in the following:

- Vessel Arrest and Attachment
- Vessel Casualty and Collision
- Cargo Damage and Bills of Lading
- Charter Party Disputes
- Environmental Liability
- Insurance Coverage and Defense
- Jones Act
- Maritime Contracts
- Marina Operator Liability
- Maritime Liens
- Products Liability
- Oil Pollution
- Riparian Rights
- Salvage and Wreck Removal
- Ship Repairer Liability
- Subrogation
- Towage Contracts and Disputes
- Treasure Salvage

Transactional:

- Charter Parties
- Vessel Construction
- Towage Contracts
- Vessel Documentation and Mortgages
- Vessel Finance
- Vessel Sales
- NMFS Licensing



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