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Areas of Practice

- Admiralty/Maritime
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- Construction
- Energy/Oilfield Litigation
- Insurance Coverage and Litigation
- International
- Labor and Employment
- Products and Premises Liability
- State and Federal Workers' Compensation
- Transportation

Kenneth Engerrand utilizes all the weapons available within the legal system to benefit his clients. He puts most of those weapons to work in the courtroom. But some of his most important work involves changing laws that are interpreted unfairly or incorrectly.

For a number of years, he has written articles and prepared briefs that help to successfully change laws in a number of areas important to the interests of Brown Sims clients. His articles are published in legal journals from California to New York and are cited and quoted in opinions of the United States Supreme Court and lower courts all across the country. For instance, his writings have helped to better define who is a seaman and the damages that may be recovered in general maritime law cases.

In addition, Mr. Engerrand lectures to classes and seminars on maritime issues at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston, Louisiana State University, Loyola University, South Texas College of Law, the University of St. Thomas, the State Bar of Texas, the State Bar of Louisiana, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Houston Claims Association, the International Association of Drilling Contractors, the National Association of Marine Surveyors, the International Transportation Management Association, the National Business Institute, the Workers' Compensation Education Conference, and many other groups.

He has taught law as an Adjunct Professor at South Texas College of Law and University of Houston Law Center since 1978, has won several teaching excellence awards, and was Faculty Advisor to the Special Maritime Editions of the South Texas Law Journal. He was the recipient of the 2016 Michael Pyryt Award for Collaborative Scholarship.

He is a past Vice Chairman of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association and a past Faculty Member of the Texas College of Trial Advocacy. He has won an "Outstanding Contribution to the Community" Award from the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce and is a Trustee for the Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation. Each year, Mr. Engerrand administers the contest that conveys the Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing. Mr. Engerrand is a Member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, the American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, the Mariners Club of Houston, and the Propeller Club of the United States.

Mr. Engerrand is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas, and all courts of the State of Texas.

Mr. Engerrand graduated from Florida State University, magna cum laude, and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law with honors. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif.

Education

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., With Honors Florida State University, B.A., Magna Cum Laude

Professional Experience

Shareholder, Brown Sims, P.C., 1999 to present Principal, Brown, Sims, Wise & White, 1986-1999 Vice-President and General Counsel, Huthnance Offshore Corp., 1980-1986 Associate, Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams, 1976-1980

Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1976; United States Supreme Court, 1980; United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1978; United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2005; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2013; United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 1977; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, 1987; United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2005; United States Court of Federal Claims, 2005; Licensed to Practice in all Courts of the State of Texas.

Professional Affiliations

Member, Defense Research Institute, American Bar Association, Maritime Law Association of the United States, Order of the Coif; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Delta Phi; Past Vice Chairman, Tort & Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association; Past Faculty Member, Texas College of Trial Advocacy, Mariners Club, Propeller Club, Houston Bar Association, Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Seminars

Speaker at numerous seminars presented by the University of Texas, Tulane University, Louisiana State University, The University of Houston, Loyola University, South Texas College of Law, The University of St. Thomas, The State Bar of Texas, The State Bar of Louisiana, The United States Department of Labor, The Houston Claims Association, The International Association of Drilling Contractors, and National Business Institute, and private groups

Publications

Author, Removal of Admiralty Suits, 41 Tul. Mar. L.J. 1 (2016): Admiralty Jury Trials Reconsidered, 12 Loy. Mar. L.I. 70 (2013); The Relationship Among General Maritime Law, OPA, and OCSLA, 25 U. San. Fran. Mar. L.J. 253 (2013); Author, Vessel Status Reconsidered, 11 Loy. Mar. L.J. 213 (2013); Co-Author, Forum Selection and Arbitration Clauses in Seamen's Injury Claims, 11 Loy. Mar. L.J. 109 (2012); Author, Indemnity for Gross Negligence in Maritime Oilfield Contracts, 10 Loy. Mar. L.J. 319 (2012); Co-author, A Tedious Balance: Third-Party Claims under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 10 Loy. Mar. L.I. 1 (2011); Jones Act Issues After Norfolk Southern Railway v. Sorrell, 6 Loy. Mar. L. J. 1 (2008); Author, Primer on Maintenance and Cure, 18 U. San Fran. L. J. 41 (2005-06); Author, Primer on Remedies on the Outer Continental Shelf, 4 Loy. Mar. L. J. 19 (2005); Medicare Set-Asides and Protecting the Parties' Interests in Longshore Claims, 3 Loyola Mar. L. J. (2004); Author, The Fleet Rule for Seaman Status: The Peril of Perils, 2 Loyola Mar. L.J. 92 (2003); Author, DOHSA's Reach: What Are The High Seas Beyond a Marine League From Shore? 1 Loyola Mar. L.J. 1 (2002); Author, Changes in Pursuing and Defending Attorney's Fee Claims in the Fifth and Ninth Circuits, 14 U. San Fran. Mar. L.J. 155 (2001-02); Co-author, Recent Developments in Admiralty Law in the United States Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit, and the Eleventh Circuit, 24 Tulane Mar. L. J. 741 (2000); Co-author, Recent Developments in Admiralty Law in the United States Supreme Court, The Fifth Circuit, and the Eleventh Circuit, 20 Hous. J. Int'l L. 265 (1998); Author, Removal & Remand of Admiralty Suits, 21 Tulane Mar. L. J. 383 (1997); Co-author, Recent Developments in Admiralty Law in the United States Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit, and the Eleventh Circuit, 18 Hou. J. Int'l L. 709 (1996); Author, Seaman Status Reconstructed, 32 S. Tex. L. Rev. 169 (1991); Author, Admiralty Law, 23 Tort & Ins. L.J. 251 (1988); Co-author, Seaman Status Reconsidered, 24 S. Tex. L.J. 431 (1983); Co-author, *The Continuing Conflict Between Congress & The Supreme Court Over the Standard of Care in Longshore Third Party Actions*, 22 S. Tex. L. J. 423 (1981); Co-author, *Troubled Waters for Seamen's Wrongful Death Actions*, 12 J. Mar. Law & Com. 327 (1980), reprinted in 21 S. Tex. L.J. 191(1980); Author of the chapter "Concurrent Jurisdiction" in *The Longshore Textbook*, Sixth Edition; Author, *Cases and Materials, Admiralty Environmental and Insurance Claims*, Second Edition.

Awards/Recognition

Adjunct Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law, 1978-1993; Faculty Adviser to the Special Maritime Editions of the South Texas Law Journal, 1980-1984; Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award from the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1983; Teacher Excellence Award, South Texas College of Law, 1981-82, 1983-84; College of the State Bar of Texas, 2001-Present; Trustee, Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation, 1993

