



JAMES PARKERSON ROY

DOMENGEAUX WRIGHT ROY & EDWARDS, LLC

Post Office Box 3668

Lafayette, Louisiana 70502-3668

337/233-3033

337/233-2796 (FAX)

www.wrightroy.com

jimr@wrightroy.com

Born Lafayette, Louisiana, 1951; Admitted to Bar 1976, Louisiana. Admitted to practice before all State and Federal Courts in Louisiana, the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court.

LAW PRACTICE: Managing Member of Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards LLC, Post Office Box 3668, Lafayette, LA 70502-3668; 337/233-3033; 800/375-6186; E-mail: jimr@wrightroy.com; Web site: www.wrightroy.com.

PRIMARY PRACTICE AREAS: Maritime law; Personal Injury and Civil Litigation; Complex Litigation; and Class Actions.

HONORS: Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating [Highest possible peer reviewed rating for ethical standards and legal ability], Listed In The Best Lawyers in America (Maritime Law and Personal Injury Litigation), since 2001, President of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, 1990-91, Recipient of the 1989 Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association President's Award, Recipient of the 1988 Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Leadership Award, National Law Journal "Litigator of the Month", August 20, 2001, for \$43 million dollar jury verdict in Seth A. Becker v. Tidewater, Inc., et al; USDC, WDLA, CV #99-1198; Fellow (and Member, Board of Directors, 2006-____) of the "International Academy of Trial Lawyers", limited to 500 Fellows (from both the defense and plaintiff Bars); "Louisiana Super Lawyers 2007 & 2008" (Top fifty in Louisiana); and recognized in Lawdragon Top 3000 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America (2007 & 2008).

PUBLIC SERVICE: Member, Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors (2005, to serve term ending 2010); and LSU Law School (Alumni, Board of Trustees, 2002-____, Chairman, Annual Fund, 2006-2007, and Representative, Board of Regents' Master Plan Advisory Panel).

REPORTED CASES: *Viator v. Liverpool & London Steamship Protection and Indem. Ass'n.*, 701 So. 2d 487 (La. 3rd Cir. 1997); writ denied 712 So. 2d 880 (La. 1998); *Becker v. Tidewater, Inc.*, 335 F. 3rd 376 (2003) ["Becker I"]; and 405 F. 3rd 257 (2005) ["Becker II"].

EDUCATION: Louisiana State University (B.S., 1973; J.D., 1976, Member, Moot Court Board); Georgetown University (LL.M., 1977).

MEMBER: Member, Alumni, Board of Trustees, LSU Law Center (2002-____); LSU 1860 Society, LSU Foundation, LSU Alumni Association, LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, Lifetime Member, Sustaining Member, (President, 1990-91; President-Elect, 1989-90; Board of Governors, 1986-89; Executive Committee, 1987-89; Ethics Committee, 1992-93); Sections: Maritime Law (Section Chairman 2003-2004), Medical Malpractice, Highway Defects and Auto Torts, and Products Liability; Lafayette Trial Lawyers Association (Vice-President, 1983-87; Board of Governors, 1983-87); Association of Trial Lawyers of America - Member: ATLA Board of Governors (2005-2008); ATLA State Delegate (1993-95); and ATLA Sustaining Member, M Club; Civil Justice Foundation; Roscoe Pound Foundation; Lafayette Parish Bar Association (Board of Directors 1987-88); Louisiana State Bar Association (Member: Section on Civil Law and Litigation, and Insurance, Negligence, Compensation, and Admiralty Law; Bench Bar Section: 1999-2000); Lawyer Advertising Committee to re-draft Code of Professional Responsibility Sections dealing with advertising and solicitation: 1991-1994); Member, LSBA Lawyer Advertising Advisory Service Committee (1995 to 2004); and American Bar Association [Admiralty and Maritime Law Subcommittee, Torts Insurance Practice and Litigation Sections]; Lafayette Parish Bar Association (Past participant in "Lawyers in the Classroom" Program); Charter Member, Louisiana State University Law Center Fellowship Program; National Institute for Trial Advocacy Advocates Association; American Inns of Court (Acadiana Chapter), 1993-94; The Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society; Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation - Sustaining Member; Judicial Liaison Committee, Louisiana Bar Foundation (1999-2000); Volunteer probation monitor for Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board {Appointed by LA Supreme Court} (1999 to date); and Member, Federal Bar Association - Lafayette/Acadiana Chapter.

PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: "Discovery Tactics", Trial Tactics from the Experts Seminar (speaker only), Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, January 29, 1988; "Recent Developments in Practice and Procedure", Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, October 21, 1988; "Recent Developments in Practice and Procedure", Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, December 9, 1988; "Maritime Tort Law Update", Pre-Convention Retreat Seminar, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, September, 1989; "Graphically Illustrating a Defective Product", Holiday Seminar, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, December 2, 1989; "Maritime Tort Law Update", Last Chance Seminar, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, December 15, 1989; "Damages at Closing Argument", Damages Alert Seminar, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, February 9, 1990; "Summation" Trial by Fire Short Course in Civil Litigation, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, February 16, 1990; "Demonstrative Evidence", The Ultimate Trial Seminar, Annual Convention Seminar, Louisiana Trial 1990; "Jurisprudential Developments in Damages", Last Chance Seminar, Louisiana Lawyers Association; "Evaluating a Case for Settlement Purposes", Negotiation and Settlement Techniques Seminar, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, November 2-3, Trial Lawyers Association, December 13 & 14, 1990; "Jurisprudential Developments in Damages", Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association's Updates in Jurisprudence & Legislation Seminar, February 22, 1991; "Jurisprudential Developments in Damages", Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association's Updates in Jurisprudence & Legislation Seminar, March 8, 1991; "Trial by Fire Short Course in Civil Litigation", (Faculty Member), Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, March 23, 1991; "Assessing and Prosecuting the Maritime Case", Maritime Personal Injury Litigation in Louisiana Seminar, National Business Institute, September 16, 1992, and September 17, 1992; "Recent Developments in Product Liability" "Yours to Choose" Seminar, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, December 29, 1993, "Pest Control Operators Legal Liability Issues" (speaker only), Louisiana Pest Control Association, Mid-Winter meeting, January 21, 1994, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; "Ethics and Lawyer Advertising", Lafayette Parish Bar Association, 1994 CLE By the Hour Seminar, December 16, 1994; "Evaluating a Case for Settlement Purposes", Evaluating and Settling Insurance Claims Seminar, Professional Education Systems, Inc., February 8, 1996; "Marketing a Law Practice Does Not Harm the System", La. Bar Journal, No. 43, No. 1, pp 18-21; "Mediation and Medical Liability Claims" (Panel Presentation), The

Continuing Medical Education Committee [CME] of Acadiana, Petroleum Club, Lafayette, LA., October 24, 1996; “Courtroom Testimony and Demeanor”, (Classroom Presentation) at U.S.L., sponsored by LA. State Board of Private Investigator Examiners, March 1, 1997, and October 3, 1997; “Basics on Seaman Status”, Lafayette Parish Bar Association, Annual Maritime Law Seminar, October 1, 1999; “Developing the Strategy of your Case”, [Joint presentation with John Scofield] Tulane Law School, Trial by Masters, December 17, 1999; LSU Legal Negotiation and Professionalism, “Negotiating a Plaintiff’s Personal Injury Case”, [Oral presentation only], October 11, 2000; “Case Strategy: Plaintiff and Defense Perspectives”, [Joint presentation with John Scofield], LTLA, Last Chance Seminar, December 14, 2000; “Basics of Class Certification & Managing Complex Litigation”, [Joint presentation with Roger D. Allen], La. State Bar Association for Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute at Pt. Clear, Alabama, June 21, 2002; “The Jones Act U.S. vs. 905(b)”, High Stakes on the High Seas, LTLA Maritime Law Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 16, 2002; “Issues Associated with Maritime Workers”, 10th Annual Admiralty Symposium, New Orleans, LA, September 6, 2002; “Damages in the Amputation Case”, LTLA Annual Convention CLE Program, New Orleans, LA, September 20, 2002; Ethics Panelist (Speaker only), Lafayette Parish Bar Association Seminar - Bench Bar 2002, Natchez, MS, October 11, 2002; Panelist, Class Actions, Workshop for Judges of the Fifth Circuit, Federal Judicial Center, New Orleans, LA, April 3, 2003; LA State Bar Association 4th Annual Class Action Symposium, New Orleans, LA, October 24, 2003, Panel Discussion: Novel Mass Tort Resolution Techniques: “Arguing Damages in the Catastrophic Maritime Case”, 2nd Judge Alvin B. Rubin Conference on Maritime Personal Injury Law, LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, November 13, 2003; “Effective Use of Demonstrative Evidence”, Civil Litigation Process in LA State Courts sponsored by LSU Law Center, Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA, April 16, 2004; Guest lecturer on “Class Actions and Mass torts in the USA” at Summer School in Comparative Law jointly sponsored by Univeresita` Degli` Studi Dell’Insubria, Universita` Degli Studi Di Milano, Universita` Degli Studi Di Bologna, and L.S.U. Law School, at Como, Italy, July 23, 2004; “Jury Versus Non-Jury Trials in Admiralty: Who Decides and How” with Hon. Carl J. Barbier, High Stakes on the High Seas, LTLA Maritime Law Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 13, 2004; “Maritime Law Update”, LTLA Post-Legislative Retrat, Carmel, CA, June 30, 2005; guest lecturer, Maritime Personal Injury, class taught by Prof. Frank Maraist, LSU Law School, November 3, 2005; Guest lecturer, Maritime Personal Injury, class taught by Prof. Frank Maraist, LSU Law School, March 30, 2006; Chairman of Planning Committee, moderator, panel member, (and materials co-author), LSU CLE “Evidence Seminar and Workshop”, November 10, 2006; Program Chairman and Moderator, Louisiana Judicial College “Evidence Program”, New Orleans, March 15, 2007; Panel Member, “Professionalism - Is Continuing Education the Answer?”, John M. Duhe, Jr. Chapter, American Inn of Court, Lafayette, LA, September 13, 2007; Program chairman, LSU 2nd Annual Civil Trial Evidence Workshop, November 2, 2007; and Lafayette Parish Bar Association Seminar, Joint Professionalism program w/Mag. Judge C. Michael Hill, Lafayette, LA, November 28, 2007, and December 4, 2007.

SIGNIFICANT COMPLEX LITIGATION EXPERIENCE:

Liaison Counsel for Plaintiff/Sub-Group Litigation Committee for Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) Litigation - “**In Re: Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation**”, United States District Court, Eastern District of LA, Docket No. 05-4182 “K” - Judge Stanwood Duval.

Co-Counsel in “**The Daily Advertiser vs. Trans LA, et al**” - Settlement for over \$10 million dollars for over 60,000 natural gas customer for overcharges.

Lead Counsel for personal injury and death claimants in “**In Re: The Matter of Mallard Bay Drilling, L.L.C., as Owner and Operator of the Mr. Beldon otherwise Designated Mallard Rig 52, Praying for Exoneration from and/or Limitation of Liability**”; United States District Court, Docket No. CA97-1223 - \$6.5 million dollar settlement.

Co-Lead Counsel in “*Joseph Hunt, et al vs. Schult Homes Corporation, et al*”; 15th JDC, Docket No. 93-C-3723-A and related cases. This was a series of individual cases involving alleged toxic (VOC) exposure of occupants of mobile homes. All cases settled.

Co-Chairman of PLC “*In RE: Eunice Train Derailment*”; (Railroad Derailment in Eunice, LA and explosion - Class Action settled for \$65 million dollars).

Co-Liaison Counsel of P.S.C. and Class Counsel in “*In RE: New Iberia Train Derailment Litigation*”; United States District Court, Western District of LA, Lafayette-Opelousas Division; CA # 00-1097. [Railroad Derailment in New Iberia, LA and chemical leak - Class Action.] [Judge Rebecca Doherty] - \$5 million dollar settlement.

Propulsid MDL 1355 - Firm member is on Executive Committee. Settled for \$92 million dollars.

MDL 1382, 1390 - Burial insurance discriminatory premiums cases. Firm member is co-lead, co-liaison, and on Executive Committee. National class action. Unitrin and Life of Georgia cases settled for approx. \$111 million dollars aggregate.

Linda Delaney, et al v. Entergy Louisiana; LPSC Docket No. U-23356, CDC - Parish of Orleans (No. 98-9211). Class of overcharged rate payers. Settled for estimated value of about \$40 million dollars.

Combustion, Inc.; USDC, Western District of LA, CV Action No. 94-MDL-4000. Firm was Co-Lead Counsel (Toxic Tort class action case), \$150 Million Dollar settlement.

Gracie Atkins, et al v. Harcros Chemicals; CDC - Parish of Orleans (No. 89-23976); Firm was Co-Lead Counsel (Toxic tort class action case), \$52 Million Dollar settlement.

Richard P. Ieyoub, Attorney General, ex rel. State of Louisiana v. The American Tobacco Company, et al; Settled through Arbitration; State of LA will receive approximately \$4.6 Billion Dollars. Firm was member of the LA Private Attorney General Litigation Team.

Dan Gill, Individually, and as Successor in Interest to Dan Gill, Inc., d/d/a Dan Gill Exxon, et al v. Exxon Mobil Corporation formerly d/b/a Exxon Company, U.S.A.; Texas class action against Exxon arising from breach of contract between Exxon and its dealers. (Co-counsel of record for plaintiffs.)

Flagler Automotive, Inc., Ind., and on Behalf of All Other Similarly Situated v. Exxon Mobil Corporation; National class action (except Texas) against Exxon arising from breach of contract between Exxon and its dealers. (Co-counsel of record for plaintiffs.)

Wilbert Joseph Levier, et al v. Cleco Corporation, et al; Class counsel for overcharged rate payers. \$18.5 million dollar settlement for about 240,000 rate payers.

Joann Gant Johnson and Annette B. Lewis v. Georgia Pacific Corporation, et al. (Co-chairman of interim plaintiff’s steering committee and liaison counsel). Action for remediation of aquifer and surface involving pollution by railroad.