

BIOGRAPHY AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND



Peter A. McLauchlan

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Peter A. McLauchlan has over 30 years of experience representing clients in maritime, aviation, energy, transportation, and commercial matters worldwide. Fluent in Spanish, Peter is a trusted advisor to global clients regarding the challenges they face in the international business and regulatory arena. Prior to practicing law, Peter attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point, graduating with honors in Marine Engineering and Nautical Science. He then worked as a Captain and Chief Engineer for a California based shipping company and later a company based in the Gulf South giving him first-hand experience in the transportation industry.

Peter brings a wealth of legal and practical experience to his projects and has earned a reputation for finding creative, business-driven solutions to his clients' problems throughout the world.

Recent major projects include:

- International and domestic mergers, acquisitions, and dispositions of assets, shares and real property
- Asset based loan transactions for aircraft, vessels and offshore drilling and construction equipment
- Insurance, reinsurance, risk management, international compliance, and licensing

- Bankruptcy and restructuring
- Solar and wind project financing and risk management
- Contracts and indemnity
- Maritime salvage, towage, liens, and seizures
- Governmental fines, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations and administrative proceedings
- Opinions for stakeholders and lenders
- Patented technology and cyber security
- Oilfield and Refinery incidents
- Aviation investigations and disasters
- Vessel collisions and allisions
- Water, land, and air pollution
- Class actions
- Labor and employment

Complex litigation:

In *Heidmar Inc. v. Anomina Ravennate Di Armanento Sp.A.* of Ravenna, Peter handled a case involving a procedure for the securitization and collection of debt involving multinational arbitration. In addition, he represented a U.K. Voice Recognition and Dictation Pioneer in a seven-year patent infringement case, obtaining favorable, confidential settlements - *AllVoice Computing PLC v. Nuance Communications*.

International transactions:

Peter has also handled matters involving international corporate formation, mergers, acquisitions, and dispositions, as well as the construction, repair, purchase, sale and financing of offshore rigs, vessels, and aircraft. In addition, he has experience in negotiating and drafting contracts, charter agreements and financing documents. Peter routinely counsels' boards of directors, family offices and corporate clients in methods to minimize risk and solve problems in their business operations. He has assisted clients with matters on every continent, except Antarctica, and regularly coordinates with local counsel around the world.

He has represented clients throughout the U.S. and foreign countries including Angola, Anguilla, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Denmark, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Republic of Georgia, Singapore, Spain, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.

Professional Affiliations:

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, New York State Bar
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Houston Bar Association
 - Past Vice Chair, International Law Section
- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Fellow, College of the State Bar of Texas (1995-present)
- Adjunct Professor, Transportation Law, Denver University School of Law
- Past Chair, Marine & Aviation Industry Team, Gardere Wynne Sewell
- Member, Transportation Lawyer's Association
 - Past Chair, Aviation Committee
- Member, International Air Transport Association
- Proctor, Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Member, Ibero-American Maritime Law Association
- Arbitrator, Houston Maritime Arbitration Association
- Member, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers
- Member, Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- Member, The University of Texas School of Law Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference Planning Committee
- Member, Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce

Community Involvement:

- Member, Men's Interfaith Scripture Study Group
- Past Director, St. Michael Men's Interfaith Scripture Study Group
- Past Director, Post Oak Family YMCA
- Past Troop 2 Leader, Boy Scouts of America
- Past President and Board Member, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association Houston Chapter

Honors and Awards:

- Recognized, AV Preeminent[®] 5.0 out of 5 Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell[®] Peer Review Ratings[™]

Education:

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D.)
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (B.S., with honors)
 - Marine Engineering and Nautical Science

Selected Publications:

- Co-author, “Shipping Law 2019: USA”, *The International Comparative Legal Guide* (July 2019).
- Co-author, “Shipping Law 2018: USA”, *The International Comparative Legal Guide* (July 2018).
- Co-author and co-presenter, “2018 Update on Regulatory Developments Affecting Passenger Rights and in Aviation Law in General,” The Transportation Lawyers Association Annual Conference and Canadian Transportation Lawyers Association Midyear Meeting (May 2018)
- Co-author, “Shipping Law 2017: USA,” *The International Comparative Legal Guide* (July 2017)

- Co-author, “Shipping Law 2016: USA,” *The International Comparative Legal Guide* (July 2016)
- Author, “Lessons Learned from an International Shipping Bankruptcy,” *Texas Lawyer* (March 2016)
- Author, “Global Climate Change – Air and Sea Pollutant Emissions from Shipping: A Global Problem with Global (and Local) Solutions,” *Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy*, Vol. 83(3) (2016)

Admissions:

- Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- New York
 - U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Fifth Circuits

Languages:

- Spanish