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**EDUCATION:**

Tulane University School of Law: L.L.M. (Master of Law in Admiralty) 1984

University of Louisville School of Law: J.D. 1983

Vanderbilt University: B.A. 1978

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Herd Dispute Resolution, LLC (August 2018 – Present)

- Providing Mediation, Arbitration and Special Master services to a broad range of litigation and claims-related disputes. Participated as counsel in mediations and arbitrations for over 30 years. Credentialed Mediator; served in over 30 mediations in last 3 years.

Herd Law Firm, PLLC (August 2018 – Present)

- Representing Jones Act seamen and other maritime workers in injury and death cases, various maritime-related torts and claims; represents individuals and families seriously injured or killed by negligence of commercial vehicle owners and operators (incl. commercial trucks, motorcycles), Traumatic Brain Injury cases, and related issues.

Lanier Law Firm (2002 – July 2018)

- Joined to continue to represent clients in maritime-related cases and claims, including maritime products liability disputes and Jones Act seaman cases. Additional management and handling of mesothelioma and other asbestos-related cases, plus various transportation-related litigation.

Rice Fowler (now Fowler Rodriquez; 1996 – 2002)

- Founded Houston office and became its Managing Partner, where I grew the office from two to ten lawyers.

Fulbright & Jaworski (now Norton Rose Fulbright; 1985 – 1996)

- Joined and later was named Partner in the Admiralty Department for the law firm, headquartered in Houston.

### **STATE BAR MEMBERSHIPS:**

Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky, New York

### **FEDERAL BAR MEMBERSHIPS:**

Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana; Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; Western District of Kentucky.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Credentialed Mediator, with advanced training by by A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center, Harris County Dispute Resolution Center
- Member of Texas Association of Mediators
- Member of Texas Mediation Credentialing Association
- Trained Arbitrator of the Houston Maritime Arbitration Association (also Board Member and Mediation Representative)
- Selected as “Super Lawyer” for Texas (2014 – 2022)
- Houston Northwest Bar Association: Past-President (2017 – 2018)
- Proctor Member of Maritime Law Association of the United States (approx.. 1985 – 2020)
- Member of American Association of Justice, Houston Trial Lawyers Association , Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Louisiana Association of Justice
- The Mariners Club of Houston (various offices held, including Skipper 1999 – 2000)
- Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow (2017 – Present)
- I have used my extensive experience in maritime, general liability and workers’ compensation law to teach seminars and produce published works, most recently as speaker and presenter, Louisiana State Bar Association’s 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Admiralty Symposium, and guest lecturer of the Admiralty and Maritime Law course, University of Houston College of Law

### **VARIOUS CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

#### Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

- Board Member (2018 – 2021)
- Member of the Public Policy Council (2017 – Present)
- Chair of Governmental Affairs and Transportation Forum (2015 – 2017)

#### Boy Scouts of America

- Eagle Scout, National Eagle Scout Association, former District Recruiting Chairman, District Finance Chairman; Wood Badge; Powder Horn; Assistant Scoutmaster; Order of the Arrow (Brotherhood Member); Founder and Board-Member: Friends of 1323 (a non-profit Scouting-related charity); NRA-certified Range Safety Officer; Alan T. Smith Scouting Spirit Award (2013); Counselor for numerous merit badges; Successfully

completed 110+ mile trek at Philmont Scout Ranch (Summer 2017)

Houston Rotary Club (former Member)

Other

- Leadership Houston (Member of Class XXI)
- Member and occasional Class Teacher at Faithbridge Church, located in Spring, Texas
- Cypress Creek Cultural District: Chair of Fundraising Committee (2016)
- Houston Maritime Museum: Advisory and Fundraising Committee Member (2016 – 2017)
- Texas Navy Association, Admiral (2015 – Present)
- ‘Dangers of Distracted Driving’ Presenter to approx. 530 high school students, Klein Cain High School (2017)

**HOBBIES:**

Sailing, Scouting, Camping, Landscaping.

**PERSONAL:**

I reside in Northwest Houston with my wife, Jenny, and we have two young adult children.

Born: Feb. 6, 1956, Knoxville, TN. Reared: Louisville, KY (1966-1984)