

# José R. Cot



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## education

Tulane University Law School (J.D., 1988)

Tulane University (B.A., Political Science and International Relations, 1985, *cum laude*)

University of Madrid (, 1983-1984)

- Junior Year Abroad

## admissions

Louisiana

Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Clients often come to me for assistance with issues that others have addressed without resolution. I see the problem globally and develop a practical, effective, and cost-efficient strategy. My focus is problem-solving and troubleshooting. A key element of my approach is bringing people together to find a path forward that eliminates the ongoing cost, dispute, or hardship. I am a litigator, but I am also a risk manager. I understand the impact that litigation can have on business and I work closely with my clients to achieve results that are in their best interest.

José Cot has litigated maritime and insurance matters throughout the Gulf South for 35 years. His maritime clients range from domestic to international private corporations and insurers, including those in the London insurance market. José also represents state agencies and instrumentalities, including in connection with U.S. Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigations and formal

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

## honors

- 2020 President's Award, Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter
- Fleur de Lis Leader, New Orleans Bar Association
- Martin-Hubbell AV Rating
- Louisiana Super Lawyers

## affiliations

### Professional

- American Bar Association
- American Inn of Court
- Defense Research Institute
- Eastern District of Louisiana, Lawyer Disciplinary Committee
- Engage Cuba Coalition – Louisiana State Council
- Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter Board of Directors
- Inter-American Bar Association
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Marine Insurance Claims Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Maritime Protection & Indemnity Annotation Project
- New Orleans Bar Association, Fleur de Lis Leader
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Texas Bar Association
- Tulane University School of Law, (Adjunct Faculty, Lecturer in Law)
- Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, National Advisory Board
- Lawyer Disciplinary Committee of Eastern District of Louisiana

proceedings. From maritime claims surrounding ports, terminals, rivers, and bridges in Louisiana, Texas, and Florida, to claims arising from operations in the offshore oil patch, there is rarely an accident, property damage claim, or natural disaster that José has not encountered.

In his insurance coverage practice, José is adept at navigating direct actions brought against insurers in first-party and third-party claims, as well as coverage analysis and litigation. José handles primary, excess, and umbrella coverage issues, allocation and cost sharing agreements, bad faith claims, disputes involving retro premium agreements, reservation of rights and declaratory judgment actions.

José's broad experience also includes Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) matters, indemnity and contractual disputes, subrogation, and recovery actions. He also handles construction defects, expropriation and inverse condemnation proceedings, premises and product liability claims, asbestos, silica, and toxic tort claims. As a certified mediator, José also handles private mediations and has extensive experience in various Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) modalities, including arbitration.

José is a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico and fluent in Spanish.

## published articles

"In the Aftermath of Natural Disasters: An Update on Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption Claims for You and Your Clients," 65 La. B.J. 18, 2017

Cuba: A Legal Guide to Business, 2016 Ed, Thompson Reuters

"Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption Claims in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," 53 La. B.J. 368, 2006

## Community

- Louisiana State Council, Engage Cuba Coalition