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### Overview

David Leefe is a member and past Chair of the firm's Maritime, Oilfield & Insurance section. He has practiced law for over 35 years, all with Liskow & Lewis, and his experience includes a broad range of litigation and contract matters. His practice emphasis is on maritime litigation, personal injury and property damage, drilling and downhole incidents, contractual indemnity, insurance coverage, and casualty investigation and response. He has defended hundreds of cases falling under the Jones Act, OCSLA, and general maritime law, and he is routinely called upon to analyze complex questions of oilfield indemnity and insurance. His litigation and trial experience in federal and state courts, as well as arbitration, is considerable.

David plays an active role with the Louisiana State Bar Association. He has served as a member of the LSBA House of Delegates for many years and is a past member of the the LSBA Board of Governors. David is particularly proud of his service as the longtime Chair of the LSBA Client Assistance Fund Committee, whose mission is to investigate claims and reimburse individuals victimized by lawyer misconduct. David also previously served on Liskow's Board of Directors.

### Involvement

#### Professional

- Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors, 2014 - 2016
- Louisiana State Bar Association - House of Delegates, 1995 - 2014, 2017
- Louisiana State Bar Association - Client Protection Fund Committee Chairman, 2006 - present
- Louisiana Bar Foundation - Sustaining Fellow
- New Orleans, Louisiana State and American Bar Associations – Member
- Loyola Law School Alumni Association - President, 1989
- Maritime Law Association - Proctor Member
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel
- Loyola Law School Alumni Association - Past President

### Practice Areas

Maritime, Oilfield & Insurance Litigation  
Maritime, Oilfield & Insurance Business Law  
Business Litigation  
Appellate  
Construction  
Toxic Tort & Environmental Litigation

### Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1982

### Education

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1982

- *Loyola Law Review*, Note and Comment Editor, 1981-1982

Louisiana State University, B.S., 1978

## Recognition

- Recipient of Louisiana State Bar Association's President's Award, 2018
- *New Orleans Magazine's* List of "Top Lawyers," 2015-2017, 2019
- New Orleans Pro Bono Project - Distinguished Service Award 1997 and 1998
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2007-2020
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, 2008-2020

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## Presentations

- "Oilfield Casualty Insurance – Is it Covered," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 2016
- "Mock Negotiation of an Oilfield Contract," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 2014
- "Contractual Indemnity and Insurance – the Basics," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 2012
- "Offshore Liabilities and Litigation," Houston Association of Professional Landmen, November 17, 2011
- "Anatomy of an Oilfield Casualty," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 2009
- "Current Developments in Maritime Personal Injury," New Orleans Bar Association Luncheon Presentation, 2007
- "Recent Trends and Developments in Contractual Indemnity and Insurance," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 2006
- "Recent Developments – OCSLA Jurisdiction," LSBA 13th Annual Admiralty Seminar, 2006
- "Litigating Oilfield Construction Disputes and Builder's Risk Insurance Claims," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 2004
- "Attorney-Client Privilege," Confidentiality and Ethics Seminar, 2004
- "Drafting and Negotiating Contractual Indemnity and Insurance Provisions," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 1998
- "Oilfield Indemnity, Insurance and Contractual Risk Allocation," Energy Week Seminar, 1997
- "Enforceability of Mediation Agreements," Offshore Marine Supply Association, 1997
- "The IADC Drilling Contract - Advantages and Disadvantages," Oilfield Indemnity and Insurance Seminar, 1995
- "Indemnity and Insurance," Oilfield Seminar, 1992
- "Effective Management of Litigation," Schlumberger North American Litigation Seminar, 1991
- "Maintenance and Cure Update," River and Marine Industries Seminar, 1991
- "Maintenance and Cure," River and Marine Industries Seminar, 1990

## Publications

- "Client Assistance Fund: Compensating for Lawyer Misdeeds, Repairing the Negative Image," 60 La. Bar Journal 32 (June/July 2012)
- "Fifth Circuit Symposium - Admiralty," 37 Loy. L. Rev. 433 (1991)

- "Forum Non Conveniens and the Foreign Seaman, Fisher v. AGIOS NICOLAIS," 27 Loy. L. Rev. 309 (1981)

## After Hours

"Growing up and living in New Orleans, I thrive on all of the special things the area has to offer – fishing, hunting, eating, cooking, music, nightlife, college and professional sports. New Orleans is a great place to live and work, and I love sharing all the city has to offer with friends and visitors."

## News/Insights

### NEWS

12.19.19

Forty-Six Liskow Lawyers Selected to 2020 *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters

### NEWS

11.7.19

Forty-Two New Orleans Liskow Lawyers Named "Top Lawyer" by New Orleans Magazine

### NEWS

8.15.19

Fifty-Seven Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, BL Rankings, LLC, 2020 Edition

### NEWS

12.27.18

Thirty-Nine Liskow Lawyers Selected to 2019 *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters

### NEWS

8.15.18

Eight Liskow Attorneys named *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" and Fifty-Two Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, BL Rankings, LLC, 2019

### NEWS

6.8.18

David Leefe is Recipient of Louisiana State Bar Association's President's Award

### NEWS

12.27.17

Forty-Four Liskow Lawyers Selected to 2018 *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters

### NEWS

11.3.17

Forty Liskow Lawyers Named "Top Lawyer" by *New Orleans Magazine*

### NEWS

8.16.17

Seven Liskow Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" and Forty-Nine Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward White, Inc. 2018

### NEWS

12.29.16

Forty-One Liskow Lawyers Selected to *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters 2017

## NEWS

11.10.16

Forty-Four Liskow Lawyers Named "Top Lawyer" by New Orleans Magazine

## NEWS

8.15.16

Eight Liskow Attorneys named Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" and Fifty-One Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America, Woodward White, Inc.*

## NEWS

8.28.15

Forty Liskow Attorneys Named "Top Lawyer" by New Orleans Magazine

## NEWS

8.17.15

Fifty Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America, Woodward White, Inc.*

## NEWS

1.9.15

Liskow & Lewis Attorneys Named to *Louisiana Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters 2015*