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David F. Pope has experience in cargo claims, maritime injury and death claims, collisions, passenger claims, vessel finance and foreclosure, salvage, vessel documentation, charter disputes, first party coverage defense of underwriters, environmental law, limitation of liability actions, insurance law and state and federal appeals. Mr. Pope is Board Certified in Admiralty and Maritime Law with The Florida Bar.

**Representative Experience**

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL  
Shareholder, November 2008 to Present
- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., Tampa, FL  
Attorney, November 2004 to October 2008
- Lau, Lane, Pieper, Conley & McCreadie, P.A., Tampa, FL  
Partner, July 1992 to October 2004
- Macfarlane, Ferguson, Allison & Kelley, Tampa, FL  
Partner, November 1973 to June 1992
- U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Engineer U.S. Flag Merchant Vessels.  
This included summers while attending law school, 1967 to 1973
- U.S. Navy Commander, (retired)
- University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL  
Adjunct Professor, 2011 to Present

**Presentations and Publications**

**Presentations**

- Collision Law and Practice, SEALI Seminar, Amelia Island, FL 2018
- "The Jones Act and Homeland Security," SNAME, Tampa, FL, 2002
- "Collisions," The Florida Bar, Admiralty Seminar, Orlando, FL, 1996
- "Seaman Status," The Florida Bar, Admiralty Seminar, Orlando, FL, 1995

**Practice Areas**

Admiralty & Maritime Law  
Personal Injury Litigation  
Property Damage  
Litigation

**Education**

J.D., University of Florida  
Levin College of Law, 1973  
B.S., United States  
Merchant Marine  
Academy, 1967

**Bar Admissions**

Florida

**Court Admissions**

Florida State Courts  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Florida Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Fifth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Ninth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle  
District of Florida

- "Settlement in Admiralty Cases," The Florida Bar, Admiralty Seminar, Tampa, FL, 1994
- "Pitfalls of a Multi-Party Settlement," SEALI Convention, Savannah, GA, 1994

U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of  
Florida

U.S. District Court,  
Southern District of  
Florida

#### **Publications**

- "Collision," Maritime Law and Practice, Author, 5th Edition, *The Florida Bar*, 2017
- "Collision," Maritime Law and Practice, Author, 4th Edition, *The Florida Bar*, 2004

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- The Florida Bar
- The Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA)
- The Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers (SNAME)
- The Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute (SEALI)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Federal Maritime Commission
- Benefits Review Board, U.S. Department of Labor

#### **Community Involvement**

- Church Vestry: Counsel
- Tampa Propeller Club: Director
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Local Admissions Representative

#### **Distinctions**

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

**Board Certified** in Admiralty and Maritime Law, The Florida Bar

**Who's Who Legal**, Florida 2008; listed as a leading Shipping & Maritime lawyer

**The Best Lawyers in America**, 2010-2014, 2016-2019

**Florida Super Lawyers®**, 2016-2018

**Best Lawyers - Lawyer of the Year 2011, 2018**, Maritime Law