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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 & McCreddie, 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, 2016-2021

Florida Super Lawyers®, 2016-2019

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