

**Eric C. Thiel**

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Eric C. Thiel has experience in civil trial practice in admiralty and maritime law including maritime injury and death claims, collisions and allisions, maritime lien claims, vessel foreclosures, salvage, environmental claims, oil pollution claims, warranty claims, first-party insurance claims, vessel construction and repair claims, vessel documentation issues, limitation of liability actions, preparation and drafting of charter parties, and federal and state court litigation. Mr. Thiel is Board Certified in Admiralty and Maritime Law with the Florida Bar.

**Representative Experience**

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL  
Shareholder, December 2011 to Present
- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL  
Associate, November 2008 to November 2011
- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., Tampa, FL  
Associate, August 2005 to October 2008
- U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD  
Seamanship and Navigation Instructor, March 2000 to June 2002
- USS McINERNEY (FFG 8), Mayport, FL  
Navigation Officer, August 1998 to March 2000
- USS HUE CITY (CG 66), Mayport, FL  
Missiles and Information Systems Officer, April 1996 to June 1998

**Practice Areas**

Admiralty & Maritime Law  
Commercial Litigation  
Insurance Coverage  
Personal Injury Litigation  
Property Damage Litigation

**Education**

J.D., *cum laude*, Stetson University College of Law, 2005 (Phi Delta Phi)  
MBA, Stetson University, 2005  
B.S., United States Naval Academy, 1995 (Graduated with Merit)

**Bar Admissions**

Florida

**Court Admissions**

Florida State Courts  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### **Professional Affiliations**

- The Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- The Maritime Law Association of the United States
- The Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute: Port Director for the Port of Tampa

### **Distinctions**

**Florida Rising Star®**, 2010, 2013-2015

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

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