

# Raymond L. Massey

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## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Since 1974, when Ray Massey joined the firm, he has been a practicing trial attorney, focusing on representing companies involved in heavy industrial machinery including railroads, barge lines and construction projects. He has represented inland river barge line and towing companies and various water-related construction companies and their insurers in all aspects of maritime litigation including personal injury, collision liability, and various water related disputes, including contract and insurance disputes.

### Distinction

Mr. Massey has substantial trial experience in admiralty, maritime and tort law related matters. Mr. Massey has tried numerous jury and non-jury cases in state and federal courts along the Mississippi River system. In connection with these matters, he also has represented domestic and foreign underwriters as plaintiff and defendant. His practice includes the defense of companies in product liability lawsuits, some of which involve toxic tort and chemical exposure matters.

Mr. Massey has argued cases in the highest state courts in Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. He has argued in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courts of Appeal. Many of his cases have helped establish current law on admiralty issues such as pre-judgment interest in admiralty cases, limitation of liability issues in various United States Circuit Courts of Appeals and recoverability of certain damages in cases involving the United States government as well as the right to a jury trial in certain state courts.

### Professional Affiliations

- **Maritime Law Association of the United States**  
Board of Directors and Executive Committee  
Chair of River and Ocean Towing Committee  
Designated among "Best Lawyers in America" by that organization
- **National Waterways Conference**  
Board of Directors (only lawyer member)

### Civic Involvement

- **University of Missouri - St. Louis**  
Board member, Planned Giving Advisory Council  
Steering Committee member
- **First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood**  
Board of Deacons



### Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**  
Partner (1980-Present)  
Associate (1974-1979)

### Education and Academic Honors

- **University of Louisville Law School**  
(J.D., *cum laude*, 1974)  
Editor, *Law Review*
- **University of Missouri - St. Louis**  
(B.A., 1971)

### Primary Practice Areas

- Admiralty
- Construction and Insurance Litigation

### Industries of Concentration

- Admiralty and Maritime
- Construction
- Insurance

### Licensure

- Texas, 1997
- Illinois, 1976
- Missouri, 1974

## **Publications/Lectures**

Mr. Massey regularly provides articles for national and local journals and speaks approximately four to five times annually on a variety of subjects including how to take and defend depositions, nuances of product liability cases and maritime and product liability issues. He contributes regularly to the following publications and speaks to the following institutions and organizations:

- Missouri Bar Journal
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law
- New Orleans University School of Law
- Tulane University School of Law
- Annual seminars of professional organizations
- Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Seminar  
(An annual seminar for the marine industry)
- Maritime Law Association of the United States Lecture Series

## **Representative Clients**

- AIG Companies
- A.I. Marine Adjusters, Inc.
- American Commercial Line, LLC and its affiliates
- AON
- Balfour Beatty Construction
- Cargill, Inc.
- Kirby Corp. & Affiliates
- London Underwriters
- Marine Office of America Corporation (CNA)
- Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.
- St. Paul Companies