

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

University of Florida, Bachelor of Arts 1975

St. Mary's University of San Antonio Law School, Juris Doctor 1979

Employment

Robert L. Gardana, P.A., Personal Injury, Insurance Litigation, Wrongful Death, Civil Litigation, Admiralty and Maritime, 1987 to present

Gardana & de la Puente, P.A., Senior Partner, Personal Injury, General Casualty and Maritime Litigation, 1982 - 1987

Law Offices of Philip Auerbach, P.A., Associate, Personal Injury Litigation, Wrongful Death, 1980 - 1982

Essen Spiegel, P.A., Associate Criminal Defense and Appeals, 1979 - 1980

Professional Committees and Advisory Councils

Proctor in Admiralty, The Maritime Law Association United States, 2006 to Present:

- Member, Cruise Lines and Passenger Ships Committee,
- Member, Marine Financing, Maritime Liens and Mortgages Committee,
- Member, Marine Insurance and General Average Committee
- Member, Marine Insurance and General Average: Marine Insurance Subcommittee
- Member, Marine Torts and Casualties
- Member, Marine Torts and Casualties: Plaintiff's Personal Injury Subcommittee
- Member, Recreational Boating Committee
- Member, Salvage Committee

The Florida Bar, Admiralty Law Committee – 1979 to present

Vice-Chair, July 2015 - June 2017

Chair, July 2017 - June 2018

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American Bar Association, Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee – 1979 to present
Vice-Chair August 2015 - July 2017
Chair, August 2018 - July 2019

John Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition
Brief Judge, 2014 to present

Florida Bar Admiralty & Maritime Law Board Certification Committee
Member, 2019 – 2020

Bar and Court Admissions

Florida State Bar

Admitted September 19, 1979

United States District Court, Middle District
Admitted 1979

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Admitted 1979

United States District Court, Northern District
Admitted 1984

Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
Admitted 1985

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
Admitted General Bar 1979
Admitted Trial Bar 1985

United States Supreme Court
Admitted 2006

Presentations

Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Third Annual Cruise Passenger and Crew Claims Seminar*, Florida International University College of Law, Miami, FL, February 2020 - Passenger Injury Claims Panel Moderator and Co-Organizer.

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section): *International Ship Arrest Symposium*, Holland & Knight LLC, New York City, NY, May 2019 - Organizer & Moderator

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Third Annual Florida Maritime Law and Practice Update and Review*, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, FL, March 2019 - Organizer & Panelist

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section): *Mastering Ethical Issues in the Maritime Cyber Security Space*, Admiralty Disruption, The Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, LA, March 2019 – Moderator

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Second Annual Cruise Industry Passenger and Crew Claims Seminar*, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL, October 2018 – Organizer & Panelist

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Bracing for the After-Storm*, Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL, June 2018 – Organizer

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Second Annual Admiralty Law Update and Review*, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, FL, January 2018 – Organizer & Panelist

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Cruise Industry Passenger and Seafarer Claims Seminar*, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL, October 2017 – Organizer

Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *First Annual Admiralty Law Update and Board Certification Review*, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Miami, FL, January 2017 – Organizer & Speaker

Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: Presentation on *Maritime Security Law*, Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee Meeting, Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek & Waldorf Astoria, Orlando, FL, June 2016 – Speaker

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Navigating a Career in Maritime Law*, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL, March 2016 – Organizer & Panelist

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *A Maritime State of Disformity*, St. Thomas University, School of Law, Miami, FL, January 2016 – Organizer & Speaker

Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee, Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club, the American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section), and the University of Miami & St. Thomas University Maritime Law Societies: *Castling Off*, Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, October 2015 – Organizer & Moderator

Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Case Law Update on the 30% “Rule of Thumb” for seaman status under Chandris, Inc. v. Latsis*, 515 U.S. 347 (1995), Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee, Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, FL, June 2015 – Speaker

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Open Forum on McBride*, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, FL, April 2015 – Organizer & Panelist

American Bar Association (Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section) and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee: *Vessel Arrest Maritime Symposium*, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL, January 2015 – Organizer & Speaker

Licenses and Certifications

Board Certified – Admiralty and Maritime Law

U.S.C.G. Licensed Captain-Master, 1996 – present

Publications

Damages Recoverable in Maritime Matters, 2nd Edition, 2020, Editor and Author.

Maritime Security Law, *Florida Maritime Law & Practice*, Florida Bar, 6th ed. 2019

Maritime Security Law, An International Precept, *International Law Quarterly*, XXXIV, No.1, 2018

International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, *International Law Quarterly*, XXXIV, No. 1, 2018

Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, *International Law Quarterly*, XXXIV, No.1, 2018

Maritime Security Law. *Florida Maritime Law and Practice*, Florida Bar, 5th ed. 2017

Chandris, Inc. v. Latsis: 30% Rule for Seaman Status - 20 Years Later., *ABA-TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee Spring Newsletter*, 2016

Learn Law Before Adding Guns on Board, *All at Sea Southeast*, 2013

What to Do When Your Boat is Arrested, *All at Sea Southeast*, 2013

If It Floats Like a Duck – When is a Vessel a Vessel, *All at Sea Southeast*, 2013

Understanding Your New Boat Warranty, *All at Sea Southeast*, 2013

Marine Insurance, What's Covered and What's Not, *All at Sea Southeast*, 2013

The Changing Waterfront - After *Lozman*: The Plaintiff's Lawyer Perspective, *ABA-TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee Spring Newsletter*, 2013

Organization Memberships

American Bar Association, Torts Trial & Ins. Practice, Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Federal Bar Association, Admiralty Law Section.

Florida Bar Association, Past Chair Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee, Member Florida Bar Certification Committee.

Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, Member

The Maritime Law Association of the United States, Proctor in Admiralty

Hobbies and Interests

Recreational boating, fishing, mentoring