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### Practice Areas

- Admiralty & Maritime
- Vessel Financing & Acquisition/Disposition

Monica Surprenant graduated second in her class from Loyola School of Law in 1978. After graduation, Monica joined the Firm in 1978 and became a partner in 1982, where her practice revolved around litigation. A Senior Officer of the Council of the Louisiana Law Institute from 1997 - 1999, and as a Member of the Executive Committee, Monica was one of the practicing attorneys of the Louisiana Code of Evidence and Revision to the Code of Civil Procedure Committee. She has successfully handled numerous complex and multi-faceted disputes in both state and federal courts.

In 1996, Monica was appointed by Governor M.J. "Mike" Foster to the Louisiana State Mineral Board and became its Chair in 1997 until 2003. In 1999, Monica was appointed en banc, as Investigator for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in Miscellaneous No. 99-413 "N" to investigate and report to the court on the issue of alleged prosecutorial misconduct. From 1980 through 1991, she was an instructor for the New Orleans Bar Review, preparing law school graduates for the Louisiana Bar Exam.

### Noteworthy

- Author, Maritime Employment: The Fifth Circuit Charts an Alternate Course
- Louisiana State Mineral Board 1996, Chair 1997 - 2003
- Advisory Committee for the Development of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan for the United States District Court, 1996 - 1999
- Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors 1997 - 1999

### Reported Cases

- Rodrigue v. Rodrigue, 55 F. Supp. 2d 534 (E.D. La. 1999).
- Moore v. Ashland Chemical Inc., 151 F. 3d 269 (5th Cir. 1998).
- Stewart Title Guar. Co. V. Kiefer, 984 F. Supp. 988 (E.D. La. 1997).
- Jefferson v. Lead Industries Ass'n, Inc., 106 F. 3d 1245 (5th Cir. 1997).
- Jefferson v. Lead Industries Ass'n, Inc., 930 F. Supp. 241 (E.D. La. 1996).
- Security Title Guarantee Corp. Of Baltimore v. United General Title Ins. Co. , 935 F. Supp. 816 (E.D. La. 1996).
- State of La. v. Litton Mortg. Co., 50 F. 3d 1298 (5th Cir. 1995).
- State of La. v. Dow Corning Corp., 619 So. 2d 795 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1993).
- Pelican homestead and Sav. Ass'n v. Elms, 617 So. 2d 983 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1993).
- Housing Authority of New Orleans v. Standard Paint and Varnish Co., 612 So. 2d 916 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1993).
- Spells v. Housing Authority of New Orleans, 612 So. 2d 920 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1993).
- Santopadre v. Pelican Homestead and Sav. Ass'n, 782 F. Supp. 1138 (E.D. La. 1992).
- Pelican Homestead and Sav. Ass'n v. Campbell, 588 So. 2d 179 (La. App. 5th Cir. 1991).
- Matter of C.G. Chartier Const., Inc., 126 B.R. 956 (E.D. La. 1991).
- First Nat. Bank of Columbus, Columbus, Ga. v. Pelican Homestead and Sav. Ass'n, 869 F. 2d (5th Cir. 1989).
- Caplan v. Pelican Homestead and Sav. Ass'n, 542 So. 2d 622 (La. App. 5th Cir. 1989).
- Gulf Federal Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Mulderig, 742 F. Supp. 358 (E.D. La. 1989).
- Guidry v. Federline, 537 So. 2d 838 (La. App. 5th Cir. 1989).
- Pelican Homestead and Sav. Ass'n v. Winston, 517 So. 2d 1220 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1987).

- In re Executive Office Centers, Inc., 75 B.R. 60 (E.D. La. 1987).