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Practice Description

Gus concentrates his practice on professional liability, casualty, insurance, labor and employment, products liability, and environmental and toxic tort. Gus focuses his practice on defending a wide range of professional liability claims asserted against lawyers, insurance agents and brokers, real estate agents and brokers, accountants, and other professionals. He also defends claims asserted against public entities, businesses, and their insurers including claims based on alleged civil rights violations and employment practices. He has defended personal injury and property damage claims arising out of automobile, business premises, construction, environmental, and industrial accidents. Gus' Martindale-Hubbell rating is AV®.*

Affiliations, Activities, and Accomplishments

Gus is a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and the New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel.

Gus is admitted to practice before all Louisiana state courts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana. Gus has also appeared before Administrative Law Judges of the United States Department of Labor, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social Security Administration.

In 1986, Gus successfully completed the International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado. Gus was selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialty of Legal Malpractice Law.

Education

Gus received his B.A. (1978) from Washington and Lee University, where he graduated *cum laude* and majored in Political Science. He received his J.D. (1981) from Tulane University Law School where he graduated *cum laude*.

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Honors

Gus was named to New Orleans CityBusiness' Leadership in Law Class of 2009. He was among the 50 honorees selected based on his professional and community contributions to the New Orleans area. He was listed by New Orleans Magazine as one of the Top Lawyers in the New Orleans area in 2009, based on his work in the fields of Insurance, Products Liability, and Professional Liability. Gus was selected by his peers for inclusion in 2010 and 2011 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Legal Malpractice Law.** He was also named to 2010 Louisiana Super Lawyers® based on his work in the field of Insurance Coverage.

Presentations

Speaker: Practical Legal Ethics in Louisiana; Issues & Answers, National Business Institute, June 27, 2002.

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