

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Admiralty & Maritime
- Appellate & Constitutional
- Litigation

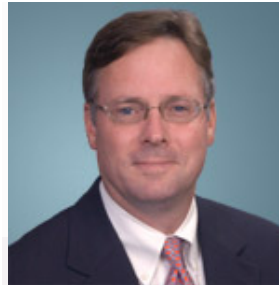
## EDUCATION

- B.A., Washington & Lee University, 1984, Dean's List
- J.D., University of South Carolina, 1987, Editorial Board, South Carolina Law Review

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina, 1987
- Georgia, 1988
- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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Doug Muller brings to his varied litigation clients his considerable experience in state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels—and, to his maritime clients, the benefits of the professional judgment he has gained over 20 years as an admiralty lawyer and litigator.

For his maritime clients, Mr. Muller often works with tight deadlines and on very short notice to respond around the clock to those with urgent needs. His broad-based knowledge informs his general maritime practice, in which he represents ship owners, vessel charterers, shippers, marine contracting companies, marine insurance carriers and recreational boaters.

Similarly, he provides his general litigation clients prompt attention and efficient service. Mr. Muller possesses experience in a wide variety of commercial litigation, including banking, health care and contractual disputes. He also represents both insurance carriers and policyholders in insurance matters.

His overriding goal in his performance for all his clients is to be accessible and provide quality work that is timely, responsive and efficient.

### Recent representative cases:

- Successfully defended a marine contracting company in a federal court trial involving a maritime personal injury lawsuit, in which the plaintiff alleged permanent back injuries and disability and sought in excess of \$1 million in recovery.

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**DOUGLAS (DOUG) M. MULLER**

- Successfully defended a dredging client in a U.S. Coast Guard administrative hearing, in which it was alleged that the client's vessels violated maritime security regulations.
- Assisted an international client in creating long-term contracts for the transportation of raw materials from South America and Canada to its plant, and then transportation of the manufactured product to the United States.
- Assisted a domestic client in drafting transportation contracts for the transport of petroleum products and liquefied natural gas.
- In a federal court trial, established an insurance company's lack of coverage under an errors and omissions insurance policy for the unauthorized acts of a real estate agent.
- Assisted a bank client by obtaining summary judgment of a lender liability case in state court, which was later upheld on appeal.
- In a state administrative hearing, assisted a hospital client by successfully obtaining a certificate of need for a linear accelerator.

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**OF NOTE**

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- Named among Best Lawyers in America for Maritime Law, 2012
  - Maritime Law Association of the United States: Proctor member; Chair, Young Lawyers' Committee; Ad Hoc Special Committee on the Future of the MLA; Planning & Arrangements Committee, 2001; Nominating Committee, 1998
  - Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute Board of Directors, 1992-94, 1998-2000
  - Charleston Maritime Law Institute, Charleston School of Law Board of Advisors
  - President, 1998-2000, Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Charleston; Board of Governors, 1995-2003
  - Maritime Association of the Port of Charleston Board of Directors, 1999-2005
  - 12 years as local correspondent for the International Group of Protection & Indemnity Clubs

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- South Carolina Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, Board of Directors
- Propeller Club of the Port of Charleston, Past President
- Maritime Association of the Port of Charleston, Board of Directors