

Leading Litigators Miles Clements and Josh Lee Join Phelps

NEW ORLEANS—Building on recent notable hires in New Orleans, Phelps Dunbar further strengthens its marine, energy, and complex litigation offering with the addition of Partner, Miles Clements and Counsel, Joseph “Josh” Lee, III.



“We are thrilled to welcome Miles and Josh to Phelps,” said Marshall Redmon, Phelps’s Managing Partner. “Miles is an excellent citizen in the New Orleans community and widely regarded as one of the region’s leading litigators. He and Josh fit our overall strategy to attract top talent that fits our firm culture and affords Phelps’s clients a competitive advantage in resolving their business problems.”

Mr. Clements and Mr. Lee join Phelps from Frilot, where Mr. Clements was a founding partner. “I have worked with Phelps attorneys throughout the years and I have always been impressed with the standard of excellence demonstrated,” said Mr. Clements. “Phelps is known to have a preeminent admiralty practice, and the deep industry experience the firm offers clients is second to none. This move provides Josh and I the opportunity to energize our practice, expand the areas of service we can provide to clients, and to work with talented attorneys across the region.”

Mr. Clements is an accomplished trial lawyer, having tried over 100 cases to judgement, in Louisiana, California, Texas, New York and numerous other states. Though primarily maritime focused, his practice includes a vast range of commercial and complex litigation and several other practice areas. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the highest distinction of trial lawyers in the US and Canada.

Mr. Lee’s practice focuses on representing vessel owners and their insurers in a wide range of personal injury and property damage matters. He is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and has been recognized by peer review publications for his maritime and appellate practice.

One of the largest Admiralty and Maritime practice groups in the country, Phelps Dunbar has attorneys across the Gulf region dedicated to handling clients’ opportunities and challenges on the regional, national and international level. The firm represents a diverse client base that ranges from small offshore service companies to multinational corporations

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in areas including maritime contracts, international shipping, maritime finance, environmental issues, litigation, and services to the oil industry operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Recognized internationally, the group excels in cases ranging from complex emergent situations to routine maritime claims, and often consults with the firm's attorneys in other practice groups to better meet the needs of clients.

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Phelps is a full-service law firm of 300 attorneys. Phelps combines valuable traditions and progressive ideas to foster a culture of collaboration among lawyers in our offices in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, as well as in London, England. Our six core practice groups – admiralty, business, health care, insurance and reinsurance, labor and employment, and litigation – work together to offer clients a progressive and diverse practice and partnership that handles a broad range of sophisticated business needs regionally, nationally, and internationally.