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Sailing In Savannah 2025 Maritime Law CLE Conference

Friday, November 14th, 2025

Savannah, Georgia • The DeSoto Hotel



This annual event offers six hours of CLE credit (GA, FL, SC, LA, TX) and a catered breakfast, lunch, and post-program cocktail reception at the exclusive Chatham Club, overlooking the historic district and Savannah River.

The program will include panel presentations on challenges in ocean shipping, hot liability and damages topics for vessel owners, marine insurance coverage issues, noteworthy decisions and aspects of the practice of maritime law and an ethics presentation with a twist!

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7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m

Breakfast & Networking

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Carlos Llinás Negret

Partner, Nelson & Fraenkel LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Stephen Morrison

Of Counsel, Bowen Painter LLC, Savannah, GA

8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

“Smoke on the Water: FLSA Cases, Arbitration Agreements and Tug Operator Exposure”

Moderator:

Matthew Moeller – Owner, The Moeller Firm, LLC, New Orleans, LA

Panelists:

Eric Denley – Deputy General Counsel, Hornblower Group, Jeffersonville, IN

Joseph Devine – Senior Risk Manager, Moran Towing Corporation, New Canaan, CT

Taylor Coley – Senior Claims Executive, UKP&I Club, Jersey City, NJ

Stephanie Poucher – Counsel, Phelps Dunbar, LLP, New Orleans, LA

9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

“Maritime Practice: Stories and Decisions in the SDGA, and Beyond”

Stephen Morrison – Attorney, Bowen Painter, LLC, Savannah, GA

Rice Ferrelle – Attorney, Ferrelle Burns, P.A., Brunswick, GA

10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

“Any Port in a Storm: Navigating Insurance Coverage in Today’s Rough Seas”

Moderator:

David Smith – Attorney, The Moeller Firm LLC, New Orleans, LA

Panelists:

Sabrina Brigance, CMIP – Managing Director, Hylant, Jacksonville, FL

Alton Peralta – Senior Claims Manager, West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association, New York, NY

Carlos Llinás Negret – Partner, Nelson & Fraenkel LLP, Los Angeles, CA



11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

“905(b)-ware! Navigating Personal Injury Claims Against Vessel Owners and Time Charterers”

Moderator:

Todd Baiad – Partner, Bouhan Falligant, Savannah, GA

Panelists:

Jessica McClellan – Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC

Edward Powers – Associate General Counsel, Maersk Line, Limited, Norfolk, VA

Jim Moseley – Partner, Gray Robinson, Jacksonville, FL

Kent Morrison – Partner, Phelps Dunbar LLP, New Orleans, LA

12:10 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Announcements

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

“Shifting Currents: The Evolving Law of Punitive Damages”

Moderator:

Colin McRae – Partner, Hunter Maclean, Savannah, GA

Panelists:

Julis “Sam” Hines – Partner at Hines & Gilsenan, LLC, Charleston, SC

Paul Painter – Partner at Bowen Painter, Savannah, GA





2:05 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**“Perils at Sea, Perils at Home:
A Discussion of the Regulatory
and Operational Challenges in
Ocean Shipping”**

Moderator:

Chelsea Crews – Attorney, Liskow & Lewis,
APLC, New Orleans, LA

Panelists:

Wiley Grandy – Deputy General Counsel, CMA
CGM, Norfolk, VA

Ifigenia Xanthopoulou, SVP – Head of Legal,
Genco Shipping & Trading Ltd, New York, NY

2:55 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**“The Law of the Sea:
According to Melville”**

Honorable Lisa Wood – U.S. District Judge,
Southern District of Georgia

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Announcements

4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

5:30 p.m.

Reception

The Chatham Club

The DeSoto Hotel, 14th Floor



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REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration: Before September 30, 2025 @ 11:59 p.m.

FBA Member: \$315
Non-FBA Member: \$360

Registration: After October 1, 2025 @ 12:00 a.m.

FBA Member: \$350
Non-FBA Member: \$399



RESERVATION LINK
(or dial 1-855-703-4655)

ACCOMMODATIONS

DeSoto Savannah | 15 E. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Group rate close: Monday, October 13, 2025 (no later than 11:59 p.m.)
Group rate: \$209/night

Group Reservation Help:

Phone: (912) 443.2018

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