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Mr. Paré has been in private practice since 1974 following graduation from law school and U.S. Army officer's training. Since that time his practice has focused on the international sale and carriage of goods. Specific areas of expertise include letters of credit, insurance coverage and other insurance disputes, contracts of sale, attachments, maritime liens, contracts of carriage including bills of lading and charter parties, agency contracts, freight forwarding, bankruptcy and oil pollution. He has represented oil companies, commodity traders, insurance companies, government entities, ship yards, ship owners and vessel charterers. His litigated and arbitrated cases have included vessel groundings, safe berth claims, sinkings, explosions, tank coating failures and a wide variety of issues arising from international contracts of sale and international contracts of carriage. He successfully argued *Exxon Corp. v. Central Gulf Lines, Inc.*, 500 U.S. 603 (1991) on behalf of Exxon in the United States Supreme Court where, in a unanimous 9 – 0 opinion, the Supreme Court reversed a 125 year old precedent. He has been involved in over 50 other federal and state court decisions, including 6 successful decisions in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He has also been involved in a further 60 arbitration awards which are searchable in the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. library in Lexis and Westlaw. He is a past chairman and vice-chairman of the Arbitration and ADR Committee of the United States Maritime Law Association and a past director of that Association. He is a past chairman of the Admiralty Committee of the Bar Association of the City of New York. He is a frequent lecturer and the author of many articles, as listed below. Mr. Paré has lived in West Africa and France and has a working facility with French.

# Publications & Honors

## Awards

- Listed in "Chambers (Global and USA), the World's Leading Lawyers" since 2004
- "Superlawyers" since 2008
- New York Magazine's "Best Lawyers" edition since 2007
- Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Rating

## Publications

- "Clauses 6 and 9 of the Exxonvoy 1969 Charter Party Form", International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators XI (May 1994 Hong Kong)
- Co-Author, Report of the MLA/SMA Liaison Subcommittee: Proposed Guidelines for Awarding Attorneys' Fees in Maritime Arbitrations (published in the 1998 MLA Report at p. 11247)
- Co-Editor, Newsletter of the Maritime Arbitration and Mediation Committee of the U.S. Maritime Law Association, 1998-2006 (published in "The MLA Reports")
- "Admiralty Jurisdiction at the Millennium", 24 Tulane Maritime Law Journal, page 187 (Winter 1999)
- "The Burden of Proof in Cases of Cargo Loss and Damage When the U.S. Carriage of Goods by Sea Act Has Been Incorporated into a Charter Party", 25 Tulane Maritime Law Journal, page 491 (Summer 2001)
- "Challenges to Arbitration Awards under the New York Convention", International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators XIV (October 2001 New York)
- "Recent Developments Respecting U.S. Assistance for Arbitrations Held Outside the U.S.", International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators XVIII (2009 Hamburg)
- "Current and Emerging Issues in the United States of Interest to Practitioners Involved with Maritime Arbitration", Joint Meeting of the United States, Australian and New Zealand Maritime Law Associations, December 11, 2011, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- "The Safe Berth Warranty and Comparative Fault", 45 Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce, page 141 (April 2014)
- "Nationwide Arbitration Subpoenas under the United States Arbitration Act", 25 The American Review of International Arbitration, page 249 (2014)
- "The Safe Port/Safe Berth Warranty and Comparative Fault", International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators XIX (June 2015 Hong Kong)
- "A Roadmap of UCC Sales Provisions for the Active Contract of Sale Dispute", 15 Benedict's Maritime Bulletin, page 214 (Fourth Quarter 2017)
- Contributing author, Navigating Maritime Arbitrations: The Experts Speak (Juris Publishing, Inc. 2019)

# Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D. with specialization in International Law, 1974)
  - Research Editor, "Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce", 1973-1974
  - National semifinalist, Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Competitor, 1973
- Boston College (A.B. cum laude, 1971) Cross and Crown Honor Society; Captain, Varsity Tennis Team

# Bar Admissions

- New York and Rhode Island Bars (currently inactive in Rhode Island)
- United States Supreme Court
- Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

# Memberships

- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Chairman of the Admiralty Committee, 2015 - 2018
- Maritime Law Association of the United States ("MLA"), Director, 2001 - 2004
- Member, MLA Carriage of Goods Committee, 2000 – present
- Member, MLA Arbitration Committee, 1987 – present; past Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Liaison Committee with the Society of Maritime Arbitrators

# Spoken Languages

- French

# Practice Areas

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Maritime
- Litigation