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Practices

Professional Liability

Medical Malpractice

Commercial Transportation

Occupational Exposure
Litigation

Asbestos Exposure Litigation

Chemical Exposure
Litigation

Manufacturer's Liability and
Products Liability

Industries

Insurance

Manufacturing

Bar Admissions

Louisiana

Mississippi

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fifth Circuit

Education

J.D., Louisiana State
University

B.A., Tulane University

David Groome represents corporate clients, insurance companies and their insureds in litigation matters involving product liability, property loss, professional liability, and personal injury. When faced with pending litigation, David's clients look to his industry specific knowledge to help reach an end result quickly and efficiently. For more intransigent matters, he focuses on quickly understanding the industry specific issues pertinent to the pending litigation and providing his clients with cost effective defense on case determinative issues. For several clients, David serves as lead attorney statewide in Louisiana and Mississippi.

He has a thriving litigation practice having tried over 100 jury trials beginning his career with 4 years in the District Attorney's office for Orleans Parish trying cases under the federally funded Violent Offenses Task force. He is admitted in every state and federal court in Louisiana and Mississippi and practices in both states.

As a litigation attorney, David represents clients in matters relating to:

- Products liability (petrochemical plants, latex gloves, scaffolds, marine hoists, elevators, heavy machinery, municipal water purification systems, airplane-composites and design);
- Transportation claims (logging trucks, commercial vehicles, railcars, heavy transport and barges);
- Extra contractual (excess claims, errors and omissions, professional liability);
- Professional Liability (Errors and omissions and medical malpractice);
- Chemical Exposure (inhalation and exposure, benzene, asbestos, silica, phosgene, and lead)

Born in Louisiana and raised in Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil, he is at ease with Portuguese and Spanish. He enjoys travelling and often enjoys matching the pace set by his wife, Sanda, who teaches at Tulane University throughout the year and in Innsbruck, Austria for 6 weeks during the summer, often with their three children.

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- Claims Litigation Management Alliance
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association

Accolades

- *Martindale-Hubbell*™ AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer

Representative Successes

- Obtained dismissal for his excess carrier client at no cost to his client midway through trial with multiple codefendants continuing to defend their respective layers of excess. The plaintiff claimed damages in excess of \$50 million.
- Obtained dismissal for subcontractor after filing summary judgment in matter involving gas asphyxiation at an industrial site.
- Obtained an involuntary dismissal in a dram shop matter with more than \$200,000 in medical bills.
- An involuntary dismissal was obtained prior to lengthy discovery which was later conducted by co-defendants based on pre-suit investigation of the professional liability claim.
- A jury found zero damages after a five day trial with testimony from plaintiff's 4 psychiatric experts and reams of medical records.
- Obtained an involuntary dismissal in an industrial timber plant accident involving a de-barked leg.
- Following an unsuccessful summary judgment filed by a codefendant, Mr. Groome filed his own summary judgment which was granted in a products case involving an alleged roofing defect which was claimed to have related in multiple surgeries for the lead plaintiff.
- Aggressive motion practice by Mr. Groome in a commercial vehicle matter resulted dismissal of both plaintiff's cases, at their cost, with one third of the cost being borne personally by their attorney.

Presentations

- "Fundamentals of Brain Trauma Cases"
- "Trial Anatomy – A Claims Perspective"

Publications

- "Spoliation of Evidence: Louisiana," David Groome and Marc Yellin, American Bar Association TIPS Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee's State by State Summary