

**Practices**

Asbestos Exposure Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Insurance Coverage
Occupational Exposure
Litigation

Industries

Insurance
Maritime

Bar Admissions

Louisiana
U.S. District Court Eastern
District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court Middle
District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court Western
District of Louisiana
U.S. Court of Appeals 5th
Circuit

Education

J.D., Loyola University School
of Law, 2005

- Moot Court Staff
Member
- Moot Court TA ('04)
- Moot Court Executive
Board, Alumni
Chairman ('04-'05)

B.A., Louisiana State
University, 2002

In his diverse litigation practice, Jason has extensive experience in property and casualty litigation, including wrongful death and asbestos exposure.

From settlement evaluation to motion practice to pre-trial preparation, Jason strives to achieve optimal results for clients, and his approach has garnered him several litigation achievements. In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, and Ike in Texas, Jason litigated and resolved several hundred claims for multiple insurance clients. He has attained successful outcomes in multiple civil jury trials. Jason has obtained a zero verdict in a \$2 million wrongful death case and was part of the trial team that recently obtained a zero verdict in a living mesothelioma case in Orleans Parish where the plaintiff was seeking \$15 million in damages. Jason has also argued a case of first impression before the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal.

Jason also defends clients in Jones Act and Worker's Compensation lawsuits and engages in coverage analysis/disputes for clients.

Jason is a Certified Mediator under the Louisiana Mediation Act in Civil, Commercial, and Employment Mediation.

Professional Associations and Accolades

Louisiana State Bar Association
New Orleans Bar Association
Louisiana Claims Association
Certified Mediator under Louisiana Mediation Act (LA-R.S. 9:4106) in
Civil, Commercial and Employment Mediation

Related Successes

Plaintiff testified about working with Georgia Pacific joint compound, CertainTeed roofing felts, shingles and roofing cement, and Bendix brakes. After other defendants in the case settled, Mr. Smith testified at trial only about his work with CertainTeed roofing felts.

CertainTeed called its corporate representative, Michael Noone; local pulmonologist Dr. Robert Jones of Tulane University, and Grant Campbell, whose family company both employed Mr. Smith during the 1970's and supplied roofing materials that were used by Mr. Smith. Defense witnesses confirmed only Johns-Manville products were used by providing testimony and records that there were no sales invoices in the New Orleans area of CertainTeed asbestos-containing roofing felts.

During closing arguments, plaintiff asked for \$15,000,000 to compensate Mr. Smith. The jury deliberated for approximately one hour and 11 of 12 jurors rendered a verdict in favor of CertainTeed.