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Michael McMahon

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In 1992, Michael McMahon had one busy weekend. He graduated with a master's in accounting on a Friday, met his future wife on Saturday and started law school on Monday.

He and his wife of 25 years, Amy, have three sons, and McMahon has enjoyed a 25-year career in maritime and energy litigation.

"I love trying cases second only to spending time with my wife and sons," said McMahon, a partner with Daigle Fisse & Kessenich. "I practice law because before I was a lawyer, I was a practicing certified public accountant, and I learned early on I'd rather fight to save my client's money than reconcile their checking accounts. Every weekend since I was 10, I was in a boat with my father all over south Louisiana, passing tugboats, oil rigs or ocean going ships. Maritime and energy law was a perfect fit."

In 2010, McMahon represented U.S. United Bulk Terminals in the case known as "Combo Maritime" in which the U. S. Fifth Circuit examined the evidentiary presumptions of fault under the General Maritime Law in a multiple vessel collision case. The case became and remains today the seminal U.S. Fifth Circuit case on how the presumptions are applied.



A Jesuit High alumnus, McMahon has a passion for taking kids of various socioeconomic backgrounds on hunting and fishing trips to experience south Louisiana's outdoors. He is current chair of the Jesuit Fishing Rodeo for the last 10 years and a past board member of A Child's Wish.

"When I see the smiles on their faces, I know I have given them an opportunity to experience something special and hope one day they will pay it forward."

— Tommy Santora