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*As a member of the Tort, Transportation & Specialized Litigation Group, Richard focuses his practice on premises liability, insurance defense, catastrophic events and major claims (hurricane and flood) professional liability and trucking litigation. His hurricane and flood practice includes Hurricane Katrina (MS), Superstorm Sandy (NY and NJ), 2016 Louisiana Floods, Hurricane Irma (FL), Hurricane Harvey (TX), Hurricane Michael (FL), Hurricane Sally (FL), Edenville Dam Failure (MI) and Platt River Flood (NE).*

### PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Premises Liability
- Insurance Defense
- Catastrophic Events and Major Claims
- Professional Liability
- Trucking Litigation
- Energy Industry Team
- Gaming Industry Team

### EXPERIENCE

- *Sharon Spangler v. Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc.*, No. 16-60849 (5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, May 26, 2017) (affirmed MSJ in favor of premises owner in a slip and fall case).
- *Ruby Hartford v. Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc.*, 2015 Miss. App. LEXIS 603 (affirmed MSJ in favor of premises owner in trip and fall case).
- *Dorothy Browning v. Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc.*, MSJ granted in favor of premises owner in trip and fall case (2014).
- *Betty Octave v. Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc. and ThyssenKrupp Elevator Company*, 2011 WL 1099866, USDC granted summary judgment to defendant in case wherein plaintiff claimed to have been struck by elevator door when closing.
- *Kelly v. Beau Rivage Resorts Inc.*, 184 Fed. Appx. 364 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) (affirmed MSJ in favor of premises owner in alleged malicious prosecution claim).
- *Nuwer v. Mariner Post Acute Network*, 332 F. 3d 310 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003) (affirmed MSJ in favor of employer in alleged wrongful termination claim).
- *Vu v. Clayton*, 765 So. 2d 1253 (Miss. 2000) (landmark case clarifying premises owners duty to independent contractors).

- *Rush v. Casino Magic Corp.*, 744 So. 2d 761 (Miss. 1999) (affirmed MSJ finding casino barge employee not Jones Act seaman).
- *Saucier v. Biloxi Regional Medical Center*, 708 So. 2d 1351 (Miss. 1998) (affirmed MSJ in favor of premises owner in claim of alleged injury to trespasser).
- *Thompson v. Casino Magic Corp.*, 708 So. 2d 878 (Miss. 1998) (affirmed MSJ finding casino barge employee not Jones Act seaman).
- *Cook v. Mardi Gras Casino Corp.*, 697 So. 2d 378 (Miss. 1997) (affirmed periodic payment method for slots jack pot).
- *Kidd v. Mardi Gras Casino*, 77, F. 3d 474 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995) (affirmed MSJ finding casino barge employee not Jones Act seaman).
- *Hydrick v. Harrison County Sheriff's Dept.*, 675 So. 2d 1257 (Miss. App. 1995) (affirmed workers' compensation appeal).

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Mississippi, 1992
- Alabama, 1995
- U.S. District Courts
  - Mississippi: Northern, Southern
  - Alabama: Southern District
- U.S. Courts of Appeals
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## DISTINCTIONS

- *Martindale-Hubbell*<sup>®</sup>
  - AV<sup>®</sup>-Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated, 2011-2021
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>
  - Insurance Law, 2012-2022
- Fellow, American Inns of Court
- Mississippi Commission for Continuing Legal Education
  - Commissioner, 1996-Present
  - Chairman, 2007-2008, 2013-2014, 2018-2019
  - Vice-Chairman, 2005-2006, 2012-2013, 2017-2018
- Mississippi Supreme Court Complaints Tribunal, Southern District, 2002-2007

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Alabama Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association
- Harrison County Bar Association
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

## **EDUCATION & HONORS**

- University of Mississippi, J.D., 1991
  - Moot Court Board
- Louisiana State University, B.S., Finance, 1986
- Clerkship, Chief Justice Roy Noble Lee, Mississippi Supreme Court
- Clerkship, Chief Justice Edwin L. Pittman, Mississippi Supreme Court

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Sponsor, Gulf Coast Carnival Association
- Member, Order of Mithras Men's Organization
- Fundraiser for St. James Catholic Church and St. Patrick Catholic High School