

Larry E. Altenbrun

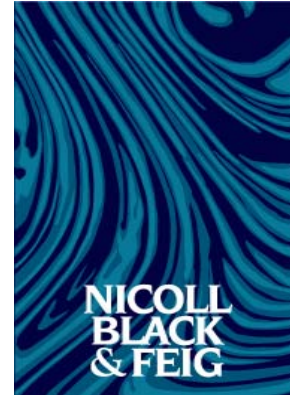
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Practice Areas

- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Corporate & Commercial Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Coverage & Defense
- Appellate



Personal Narrative

Larry became a partner at Nicoll Black & Feig in January 2008. He represents marine-related companies in a variety of matters and other businesses in commercial litigation and corporate law.

Larry obtained his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Tulane Law School, where he was an editor of the Tulane Law Review, member of the Order of the Coif, and recipient of the Harry F. Stiles scholarship for maritime law. Larry received his Bachelor of Science degree, *cum laude*, in Marine Engineering Systems from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Prior to law school, Larry worked aboard a variety of commercial vessels. He held a license as a Marine Engineer issued by the U.S. Coast Guard for over ten years.

Larry's practice focuses on all types of commercial and maritime litigation, with significant experience in personal injury defense, commercial disputes, cargo damage, and marine insurance coverage. He has substantial litigation experience at both the trial and appellate levels. Utilizing his background in engineering, Larry is regularly involved in the firm's complex, technical cases. He has authored several law review articles and has lectured internationally on various topics. Larry is admitted to practice in Washington state and federal courts and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Representative Matters

- First chair lawyer for plaintiff in substantial commercial litigation involving negligent installation of cargo refrigeration system, resulting in judgment for plaintiff following trial. Prowler, LLC v. York International Corp., 2007 WL 2363046 (W.D. Wash., Aug. 14, 2007).
- Represented Lloyd's of London in Certain Underwriters at Lloyds, London v. Inlet Fisheries Inc., 518 F.3d 645 (9th Cir. 2008), where the Ninth Circuit affirmed summary judgment in favor of Lloyd's and, for the first time and despite a conflicting holding from the Fifth Circuit, concluded that the doctrine of uberrimae fidei is an established rule of marine insurance.
- Aggressively defended ship owners and their insurer in dozens of personal injury lawsuits filed in Washington and Alaska.

- Formed various business entities, including their internal corporate documents, and ensured compliance with corporate formalities.
- Represented buyers and sellers in multi-million dollar real estate transactions.
- Defended vessel owners and insurers in state and federal courts in disputes arising from personal injuries, wrongful deaths, collisions, oil spills, contract disputes and cargo damage.
- Defended web-based business in commercial litigation claim alleging illegal and unfair advertising.
- Successful defense of pleasure craft owners in multiple lawsuits
- Investigation and litigation involving various matters of technical complexity, such as catastrophic engine failures, fires, oil spills, and refrigeration release.

Education

Tulane University Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, B.S., Marine Engineering Systems, *cum laude*

Professional Experience

Member, Nicoll Black & Feig, 2008-Present

Senior Associate, Nicoll Black Misenti & Feig, 2004-2007

Associate, Cozen O'Connor, 2001-2004

Associations

Board of Directors, Marine Insurance Association of Seattle

Seattle Propellor Club

Maritime Law Association of the United States

Honors

Tulane Law Review, 2000-2001

Order of the Coif

Bar Memberships

Washington State

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit