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Elizabeth Ryan joined Coats Rose as a Director in 2012. A former editor of the Louisiana State Bar Association's magazine, she has been named to the Best Lawyers in America® list in 2010-2018 in the area of professional malpractice law (Woodward White, Inc.). Additionally, Elizabeth has been selected to the Louisiana Super Lawyers list in 2007-2018 in the areas of class action/mass torts, transportation/maritime and environmental law (Thomson Reuters). She has lectured on numerous occasions regarding environmental, insurance and professional topics, and is an adjunct professor at the Tulane University Law School.

Elizabeth pursued architecture studies at the Tulane School of Architecture (1975-1976). In law school she served on the Moot Court of Tulane University Law School, and as an editor of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal. Additionally, she clerked for the Honorable George Arceneaux, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1980-1981). Her former employment includes partner at Lemle and Kelleher, and partner at Montgomery Barnett.

Elizabeth practices in the area of general civil litigation, with a concentration in construction, environmental, insurance defense and coverage, admiralty and pharmaceutical and medical device law. For over 30 years, she has litigated matters involving toxic tort, class action, maritime personal injury and property damages, personal property damage arising out of fire, products liability, pharmaceuticals, interstate transportation of hazardous substances and the sale of same by maritime transporters; and truck and auto litigation. Elizabeth also serves as a mediator and an umpire in insurance appraisal matters and is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

### *Admitted*

- Louisiana, 1980
- Texas, 1992
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit, 2008
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana, 1980
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Louisiana, 1981
- U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana, 1987

### *Education*

- J.D., 1980, Tulane University Law School
- Tulane School of Architecture, 1975-1976



- B.A., 1975, Newcomb College of Tulane University
- The Sorbonne/Ecole du Louvre and the Institute d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. 1973-1974

### *Affiliations*

- American Bar Association (Vice-Chair for the Commercial Transportation Litigation General Committee, August 2017-)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Member; former Secretary; Long-Range Planning Committee: Member, 1998; Professionalism & Quality of Life Committee: Chair, 1991-1992; a former Bar Examiner (Constitutional Law))
- Louisiana State Bar Association, Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Member (2006-)
- Texas State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel (Board of Editors; Member and Vice Chair of Articles of Defense Counsel Journal; Former Chair, Energy, Environmental and Maritime Committee, Former Chair, National Membership Committee; Former Chair, Resource Development Committee)
- Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems Inc. (Mediator)
- Louisiana Bar Foundation (Louis Moreau-Lislet Fellow; Judicial Liaison Committee, 1999-2001)
- Louisiana State Bar Association Journal (Associate Editor, 1997-1999; Editor-in-Chief, 1999-2001)
- John R. Brown National Moot Court Competition (Judge, 2000)
- LSBA Board of Governors (Governor, 1996-1999, 2001-2004; Secretary, 1999-2001; Liaison to Professionalism and Quality of Life Committee, 1997-2000; Liaison to Public Information Committee, 1999-2002; Liaison to Federal Bench Bar Committee, 1996-1999; Appointee to Civil Justice and Law in Education Diversity Forum, 2003)
- Ad Hoc Committee To Consider Rule Revisions For Louisiana Bar Admissions (Member)
- Development Committee of the Civil Law Enrichment Initiative of Tulane Law School (Member)
- Family Services of Greater New Orleans (Chair; former Treasurer and Board Member), A United Way Agency (current Chair elect; Treasurer; Board Member)
- New Orleans Museum of Art (current Chair, NOMA Volunteer Committee Elect; Volunteer Committee; former Parliamentarian)
- Garden District Association (past President; former two-term Board Member)
- New Orleans City Ballet (former Board Member; former Executive Committee Member)
- Friends of the Cabildo (former Board Member)
- Lighthouse for the Blind (former Chair)



- Metropolitan Area Committee (former participant)
- Council for International Visitors (former Member)
- St. Elizabeth's Home Advisory Board (former Board Member; Vice President)
- St. Alphonsus Parish Council (former Board Member)
- New Orleans Spring Fiesta Association (Advisory Board Member/Legal Advisor)
- Foreign Relations Association (Former Board Member; Executive Committee Member)

### *Publications*

- "[My Toughest Case: Helping a Permanently Disabled Longshoreman](#)," *New Orleans Magazine*, featuring Elizabeth Haecker Ryan, (November 2017)
- "[The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All The Lawyers](#)," International Association of Defense Counsel Committee Newsletter, with Elizabeth Haecker Ryan and Elizabeth S. Fitch, (February 2017)
- "[Evolving Theories of Negligence in Trucking Accident Cases and Hiring Concerns](#)," ABA Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee Newsletter, with A. Wingfield Goldman, (Spring 2016)
- Jones Act Seaman and the Award for Loss of Society: A Post-Higginbotham Analysis-Ivy v. Security Barge Lines, Inc., Vol. 4 *The Maritime Lawyer*, No. 1
- Preemption in Products Liability Cases: An Analysis of Federal Product Preemption Under FIFRA and *Bates v. Dow Agrosciences* (co-authored with William M. Davis), *Defense Counsel Journal*, Volume 73, No. 2, 2007

### *Speeches/Presentations*

- "Ethics," Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems, Inc. CE/CLE, Metairie, Louisiana (November 9, 2017)
- "Ethics," Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems, Inc. CE/CLE, Metairie, Louisiana (September 14, 2017)
- "The Evolution of Bad Faith in Professional Liability Claims," IADC Professional Liability Roundtable, The University of Chicago School of Business, Gleacher Center (May 12, 2016)
- International Association of Defense Counsel (Annual Meeting, 2013) – Technology Committee- The New Changes to the ABA Model Rules and their Implications on Technology
- International Association of Defense Counsel (Annual Meeting, 2012) – Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee- What You Don't Know Can Hurt You
- IADC Webinar, Co-Presenter, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Voir Dire But Were Afraid to Ask" April 23, 2013
- International Association of Defense Counsel (Annual Meeting, 2012) – Tech Savvy Jurors in a High Tech World: Strategies for Addressing Juror Misconduct
- "Masters of the Courtroom," New Orleans Bar Association, December 2011
- "What to Expect in Arbitration," New Orleans Bar Association, Litigation Lessons for Lawyers, New Orleans, September 2, 2010



- “2008 Maritime Update,” New Orleans Bar Association, December 2008
- “Current Developments in Ethics,” MAPS, November 2006
- Presenter/Facilitator, LSBA/LCE Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Landmark Case, “Brown v. Board: A Lesson on Courage,” University of New Orleans, 2004
- Speaker, Defense Research Institute, Insurance Coverage & Claims Institute Seminar, Chicago, Illinois, May 2002
- “Practical and Ethical Implications of the Mandatory Disclosure Requirements and Proposed Amendments to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26”—IADC Toxic and Hazardous Substance Committee Annual Meeting, Whistler, British Columbia, July 1999
- Speaker, “Shipowner’s Limitation of Liability,” Tulane School of Law, Maritime Law Seminar, September 1998
- Speaker, 2nd Annual Professional Development Seminar, LSBA Professionalism & Quality of Life Mid-Year Meeting, Young Lawyers Division, January 1998
- “Neutering the Pit Bull Opponent—a Non-Surgical Approach,” LSBA Annual Meeting, Professionalism & Quality of Life Committee/Bench & Bar Section, June 1997
- Lecture on Environmental Law/Toxic Torts—Stuart Clan Presentation, March 1996
- Lecture on Judiciary’s Role in Promoting Professionalism, ABA Panel, August 1995 and Louisiana Judicial College Meeting, June 1995
- Lecture on Women in Litigation, Tulane Law School, March 1994
- Lecture on Toxic Tort Law in Louisiana, Environmental Awareness Seminar, Lafayette, LA, May 1993
- Lecture on Air Pollution Control for Government Institutes, Inc., New Orleans, LA, Dec. 1993
- Lecture on Interpretation of Pollution Exclusion Provisions at the Environmental Expo, New Orleans, LA, 1992

### *Professional Honors*

- Featured in the [New Orleans City Business “Ones to Watch”](#) section in the April 14-27, 2017 issue
- Named to the 2012 Top 25 Women Attorneys in Louisiana list by Louisiana Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)
- Named to the 2010-2017 Best Lawyers in America® Lists – Professional Malpractice Law
- Named to the Louisiana Super Lawyers® Lists in 2007-2018 — Class Action/Mass Torts; Transportation/Maritime; Environmental
- Faculty Member, IADC Trial Academy, Stanford University, 2004
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy Faculty, Loyola University Law School, 1999 and 2000
- Adjunct Faculty—Negotiations & Mediation Advocacy Skills, Tulane University School of Law, Spring 2002 – Present
- Young Career Woman Program, Citation of Honor





- APEX Award Winner, Louisiana State Bar Association Journal
- Federal Judicial Clerkship, The Honorable George Arceneaux, Jr., United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 1980-1981

*University, Law School & Other Honors*

- The Maritime Lawyer (Member; Board of Editors)
- Moot Court Board of Editors (Member)
- Tulane Law School (Senior Fellow)
- Jessup International Moot Court Regional Competition (Team Member)
- Alpha Lambda Delta (Member)
- Women of Fashion Award Winner, 2010