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PRACTICE AREAS

- International Trade & Business
- Corporate & Business Transactions
- Commercial Litigation
- Casualty
- Intellectual Property
- Insurance
- Products Liability

ADMITTED TO BAR

- 1998, Louisiana
- 2004, District of Columbia

EDUCATION

- L.L.M. with distinction, 2004, Georgetown University Law Center (Institute of Intl. Economic Studies, WTO Certificate)
- J.D. cum laude, 1998, Loyola University Law School (Blue Williams Steven M. Little Scholarship Recipient)
- B.A. 1994, U. of Colorado, at Boulder

MEMBERSHIPS

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Customs & Intl Trade Bar Association
- American Society of International Law Co-Chair-Southeast Region
- ALFAI Chair, Board of Directors
- World Trade Center, New Orleans, Past Board Chair

HONORS & ACCOLADES

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent
- Best Lawyers in America 2024-25 | International Trade & Finance Law"
- N.O. Magazine, "Top Lawyers" 2023 | International Trade & Finance
- Tulane University School of Law, Monte Lemman Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award 2019-2020

Edward T. Hayes is a partner at Leake Andersson, where his practice focuses on both litigation and corporate/transactional matters. On the litigation side, Mr. Hayes represents clients in products liability, general casualty, and commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the Gulf South region. Mr. Hayes also has extensive experience handling insurance coverage matters, as well as MDL, class action and mass casualty cases.

Mr. Hayes actively works on corporate and transactional matters and leads the firm's international trade and business practices. His practice areas include freight and logistics contracts; supply chain and third country/outsourcing arrangements; U.S. and foreign government contract procurement; customs classification and country of origin matters; import/export transactions; contracts for the sale and distribution of goods and services; and antidumping/countervailing duty proceedings. He also actively participates in international commercial dispute settlement and arbitration and was selected by the Office of the United States Trade Representative to serve on the roster of panelists eligible to adjudicate international trade disputes under Chapter 19 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Hayes also maintains an active public policy and government relations practice, where he advises businesses and local governments on trade policy and economic development issues. He regularly works with the US House and Senate committees of trade jurisdiction, appropriations, commerce, and agriculture, as well as the Office of United States Trade Representative, Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection, Food and Drug Administration, and Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Hayes serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Tulane University Law School where he teaches a course on international trade policy and practice. In 2014 the country of Ukraine appointed Mr. Hayes to serve as the Honorary Consul to Ukraine for the State of Louisiana.

Eddy is married with two children and two golden retrievers. When he is not watching his daughter sail or his son play soccer, he can be found cheering Liverpool and Boca Juniors.