

FIRM RESUME

HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF THE FIRM

Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, A Professional Law Corporation, is an established, competitive law firm which takes pride in its efforts to provide valuable, quality services to its clients. It is the largest law firm in Louisiana north of Baton Rouge. The firm was established in 1914 as "Cook & Cook" and has been in business continuously since that time. The firm's offices are located on three floors of the Regions Bank Tower in downtown Shreveport, Louisiana.

Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway engages in a widely diversified practice which includes both litigation and commercial matters. The specific areas of practice cover most areas of legal practice, including products liability and professional liability; commercial, insurance defense, environmental and general litigation; health care law; corporate and banking law; natural resources law, including real estate, oil, gas and lignite; securities law; taxation; railroad law; labor and employment law; workers' compensation; pension and profit sharing plans; and trusts, probate and estate planning.

ATTORNEYS

The firm's attorneys, for the most part, have areas of specialization and interest, and each may have several subspecialties. The following list identifies only general areas of practice and identifies each lawyer only once. Certain lawyers may, for example, assist with commercial transactions as well as commercial litigation. Accordingly, the organization of the list is not intended to indicate the limits of a particular lawyer's practice.

Business, Commercial, and Tort Litigation

Herschel E. Richard, Jr. Mr. Richard's practice principally involves business litigation, toxic tort, products liability, and legal and medical malpractice. He received his undergraduate degree from Tulane University and his law degree from Louisiana State University, where he was a member of the Louisiana Law Review. Mr. Richard was admitted to practice in 1970. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He is a member and past President of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and is a Master Benchler in the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Mr. Richard holds memberships in the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He is also a Member of Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute. Mr. Richard was the 2000 recipient of the Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award, given by the Louisiana State Bar Association. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and is listed by *Super Lawyers* as having attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement in the areas of Business Litigation, Professional Liability: Defense, and Personal Injury Defense: Products Liability. His e-mail address is herschel.richard@cookyancey.com

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