WHEN THE OUTCOME MAKES A DIFFERENCE, WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Intelligent, effective representation and mediation services in HIGH STAKES LITIGATION
We bring a team approach to our clients’ litigation needs. Our attorneys have over a century of combined legal experience, and are supported by staff that are highly trained and equally dedicated. Our senior partner, Jim Gibson, is a member of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, an accomplishment a very small minority of attorneys in the country can claim. Gibson and the firm’s co-founder, Charles “Chuck” Kreamer, have been working as litigation teammates since 1994. As pure litigators, we advocate aggressively on behalf of our clients. Complex disputes are normal for us, and we have the resources, training, advocacy skills and experience to meet your objections. Regardless of whether you are new to litigation or a seasoned pro, we look forward to helping you advance your objectives in the courtroom.
In 1988-89, James “Jim” Gibson began handling legal malpractice cases for his insurance clients. At that time, no law dedicated to attorney malpractice existed in Louisiana. Instead, litigants contorted existing negligence and contract law to apply in a professional malpractice setting. The resulting contradictory case law created a “Wild West” atmosphere that challenged the best litigators.

In 1990, the Louisiana Legislature passed statutes governing the timing and venue of professional liability suits against lawyers, accountants and insurance agents. See La. R.S. 9:5604-5606. The same year, the Louisiana Supreme Court created the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel serving as its investigative and prosecutorial arm. The Louisiana Judiciary Commission, the body that administers complaints against sitting Louisiana judges, had been established since 1968. When complaints against lawyers or judges are filed with one of these bodies, the respondents routinely request that Jim Gibson defend them.
Co-founders of Gibson Law Partners, Jim and Charles “Chuck” Kreamer, began working together in 1994 in the professional liability arena. Over the following 25 years, numerous cases involving commercial or probate litigation in the underlying matters led to their substantial experience in those areas. Consequently, the commercial and probate cases handled by Jim and Chuck have become increasingly complex.

Within days of starting the firm, Jim and Chuck added Stacy Kennedy, Alan Stewart and Michael Adley to the team. Stacy has been defending professionals for the great majority of her 22 year legal career. Most recently, her focus has been on defending attorneys, doctors and insurance agents in professional liability suits and in appellate practice. Prior to joining the team, Alan Stewart focused his law practice primarily in the maritime arena. Since joining the team, Alan has handled professional liability cases, products liability cases, ethics complaints for attorneys and judges and commercial litigation. Michael Adley, the firm’s newest partner, has focused his practice solely in the professional liability arena and commercial litigation. Michael has also handled ethics complaints for attorneys and judges.

Over the years following the enactment of the attorney malpractice statute in 1990, Jim testified before Committees of the Louisiana Legislature regarding proposed amendments. Most recently, he spoke against creating an exception to statutory peremptive periods for attorneys who continued to represent a client after a potential malpractice event. However, Jim’s most important contribution to the professional liability arena has been his creative and aggressive trial and appellate practice in cases involving lawyers, insurance agents, medical professionals and accountants. The new body of case law that arose after the enactment of the professional liability statutes is peppered with precedent litigated across Louisiana by Jim Gibson and his law partners.
OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to excellence, integrity, and high ethical standards.

Every client matters to us, and we provide superior client services to help our clients meet their business needs.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation
Probate/Estate Litigation
Professional Liability Litigation
Mediation
General Casualty Defense
Commercial litigation refers to business disputes. Some of the disputes are between companies over contracts or unfair trade practices, some may be between a company and a group of its former employees, and some may be between rival owners of a company. Claims related to fraud, conversion and breach of fiduciary duty fall into this category. These intense litigations are complex and generally involve high stakes. Our attorneys have a proven record of success in these matters.
Probate disputes are often very contentious due to the raw emotions and amounts of money involved. When disputes arise concerning the validity of a will, the propriety of actions by a fiduciary, or the proper classification of succession property, the resulting litigation is usually complex and overwhelming if not properly managed. Our attorneys have a history of favorable results in these cases.
Professional Malpractice Litigation

For over 30 years, all over Louisiana, we have represented accountants, attorneys, architects, engineers, doctors, insurance and real estate agents and other professionals who have been sued for professional malpractice. In the representation of professionals, we have been at the forefront of developing law, successfully arguing cases before all State and Federal Courts of Appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court. Our attorneys have testified to the Louisiana Legislature on professional liability matters, and are frequent speakers at seminars in Louisiana and throughout the country. Our clients have worked hard to earn their professional reputations, and we provide aggressive efforts to protect them and the financial standing they generate.

Professional Ethics Complaints

Our attorneys also represent lawyers and judges when ethical complaints are filed against them.
Jim Gibson, one of the 1% of attorneys in Louisiana who are named a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, also offers his services in the role of mediator. Jim has over 35 years of experience handling civil litigation: commercial litigation, professional liability, probate litigation, complex tort, general liability, auto and public entity litigation. While Jim has tried over 60 jury trials to verdict and 200 bench/trials/exception hearings, and over 90 reported decisions in the federal and state court systems, he knows that most of today’s disputes end up in mediation. Jim has handled hundreds of mediations as an advocate, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. As an experienced trial advocate and veteran negotiator with the respect of his professional peers throughout Louisiana, Jim is uniquely qualified to resolve your dispute. Jim received his Mediation Certification from the Northwestern/Chicago School of Professional Studies in Mediation Skills. Difficult and complex cases require a mediator with extensive experience on both ends of such disputes, experience that generates the respect and confidence of all parties. Jim Gibson is such a mediator.
The attorneys at Gibson Law Partners have tremendous experience defending insurance companies, corporate entities, and individuals from a wide array of casualty claims, including but not limited to cases involving automobile and trucking accidents, slip and fall accidents, products liability claims, premises liability claims, maritime personal injury claims, wrongful death and survival claims, construction claims, employment claims, civil rights claims, and other general tort claims.
James “Jim” H. Gibson is co-founder and partner at Gibson Law Partners, LLC, located in Lafayette, Louisiana. In 2016, Jim was inducted as a Fellow in The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), which is an invitation-only fellowship of exceptional trial lawyers from the United States and Canada. Membership is limited to 1% of the total membership of each state’s practicing attorneys. Per the mission statement on the website of The American College of Trial Lawyers, the following standards are applied when considering fellowship awards:

“The College thoroughly investigates each nominee for admission and selects only those who have demonstrated the very highest standards of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and collegiality. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the admission of justice through education and public statements on important legal issues relating to its mission. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings.”

To be invited to become a Fellow of the ACTL is an honor. All Justices of the United States Supreme Court and all Justices of the Supreme Court of Canada have accepted an honorary fellowship at the ACTL, and have addressed the ACTL at its national meetings. Distinguished past presidents of the ACTL include Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell and former U.S. Attorney Griffin Bell.

The criteria for being awarded a fellowship in the ACTL is rigorous. The vetting process requires a minimum of 15 years of active trial work being the principal activity of the nominee. High ethical and moral standards, as well as a demonstration of high character are also required. While being the best in their state (or province, if in Canada,) a nomination and award are not determined by geographical location.

Jim has an extensive amount of trial and appellate experience throughout the State of Louisiana. He has tried over 60 jury trials to verdict, has tried over 200 bench trials and exception hearings, and has over 90 reported cases. During the process of being inducted into the ACTL, numerous federal and state court judges who presided over trials in which Jim appeared as an attorney were interviewed regarding Jim’s trial experience and high character. Numerous attorneys involved in the trials/cases were also interviewed as part of the induction process. There are more than 19,000 licensed attorneys in the state of Louisiana, and just over 100 are members of the ACTL.

Jim continues to demonstrate the highest ethical standards in his representation of his clients as well as his deep level of trial and appellate experience. He has drawn on this vast experience in serving as a lecturer on topics related to professional liability in Louisiana and nationwide. Jim has been called upon by the Louisiana legislature to provide testimony to that body regarding Louisiana laws pertaining to professional liability, an area of law in which he has over 30 years of experience. Jim holds an AV rating, the highest level of peer rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, one of the oldest and most trusted evaluators of attorneys in the United States. Jim has also been named a “Super Lawyer” by another peer rating service.
Charles M. “Chuck” Kreamer is co-founder of, and partner of, Gibson Law Partners, LLC. Chuck also serves as the firm’s managing partner. Chuck’s practice focuses on the representation of both plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial cases, probate and legal malpractice cases litigated in the state and federal courts of Louisiana. He is admitted to practice before all Louisiana district and appellate courts, all Louisiana federal district courts and bankruptcy courts, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Since August of 1994, Chuck’s practice has been 100% litigation, including extensive appellate work.

Chuck’s extensive litigation experience spans cases involving unfair and deceptive trade practices, trade secrets, confidentiality, contracts, fraud, defamation, fiduciary duties, non-compete agreements, sales, intellectual property, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, joint ventures, probate disputes and oil and gas mineral rights. His legal malpractice defense experience crosses a wide array of lawyer specialties and issues.

Chuck graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA) and a major in Finance in 1990. Chuck graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans in 1994, and simultaneously graduated with a second degree, a Masters of Business Administration, from Loyola. While in law school Chuck served on the Loyola Law Review where he published two articles, one of which was a finalist for the prestigious SCRIBES award presented by The American Society of Legal Writers and has since been cited favorably by other jurists. Chuck’s published articles are United States v. Commonwealth of Virginia: The Revenge of Separate But Equal, 39 Loyola Law Review 247 and Adjudicating the Peart Motion: A Proposed Standard To Protect The Right To Effective Assistance Of Counsel Prospectively: 39 Loyola Law Review 635.

Several cases in which Chuck’s professional clients were dismissed as a result of his efforts include Molaison v. Lukinovich, 142 So.3d 342 (La. App. 5th Cir. 2014) (multi-million dollar legal malpractice claim dismissed on basis of witness immunity); Castle v. Castle, 123 So.3d 1267 (La. App. 3rd Cir. 2013) (legal malpractice claim dismissed for failure to state a cause of action); Walton v. ES&H, Inc. 2013 WL 3865103 (E.D. La. 2013) (insurance agent case dismissed as perempted) and Carriere v. Bodenheimer, Jones, Szwak & Winchell, LLP: 120 So.3d 281 (La. App. 2nd Cir. 2012) (legal malpractice claim dismissed as perempted): Argonaut Great Central Ins. Co. v. Hammet, et al, 1st JDC Parish of Caddo, Docket 449,814 (baseball arbitration where the resolution proposed for Chuck’s client was chosen). Representative cases where Chuck’s commercial plaintiff clients were awarded substantial verdicts, received favorable settlements or pretrial rulings include AIM Business Capital, LLC v. Reach Out Disposal, 2014 WL 1401526 (W.D. La. 2014) ($1.44 million treble damage award in an unfair trade practice case); In re Marshall Museum & Library, 2008 WL 2192803 (La. App. 3rd Cir. 2008) (favorable settlement in a defamation case against Anna Nicole Smith representatives) and Grex, Inc. et al v. Robert Leonards, et al, La. App. 3rd Cir. No: CW 14-01275, unpublished (plaintiff authorized to obtain extensive electronic discovery from defendants’ computers).
Stacy N. Kennedy is a partner at Gibson Law Partners, LLC. Her practice focuses on professional liability defense, where she provides representation to accountants, architects and engineers, doctors and hospitals, lawyers, judges, law firms, insurance agents and realtors. Stacy is a graduate of H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College at Tulane University (1992) and Loyola University College of Law (1995). She has practiced at all levels of the Louisiana appellate court system and is admitted to practice before each of the federal district courts in Louisiana, as well as the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Stacy is a Master in the Acadiana Inn of the American Inns of Court and a member of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association.

Alan W. Stewart is a partner at Gibson Law Partners, LLC. Alan specializes in the defense and trial of professional liability cases, including attorney malpractice, insurance agent malpractice, accountant malpractice, and attorney and judiciary disciplinary matters. He also practices in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, construction litigation, premises liability, insurance defense, and maritime, oilfield, and energy matters. He is licensed to practice in all Louisiana state district and appellate courts, all federal district courts in Louisiana, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Alan graduated magna cum laude from the Louisiana State University Law Center in 2011. He was also a member of the Louisiana Law Review during which he was published in the Louisiana Law Review.
Michael O. Adley is a partner at Gibson Law Partners, LLC. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2016 where he served as a member and Articles Editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review. Michael was also admitted to Vanderbilt’s Malone Inn chapter of Phi Delta Phi, the International Legal Honor Society. Michael previously served as a legal extern for the Honorable Richard T. Haik, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and as an intern for the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Michael graduated summa cum laude from Louisiana State University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. While at LSU, he was recognized as a University Medalist and a Chancellor’s Scholar. Michael was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Michael’s practice focuses mainly on two areas, complex litigation and professional liability litigation, including litigation involving accountant malpractice, architect and engineer malpractice, attorney malpractice, ethical complaints against lawyers and judges, insurance agent malpractice, medical malpractice and real estate malpractice.

Erin Reed Monica is a partner at Gibson Law Partners, LLC. Erin, an accounting major in college and later a CPA, received her Juris Doctorate from LSU in 1997, and her LLM with a concentration in business law, real estate and tax in 1999 from Tulane University Law School. Before joining Gibson Law Partners, Erin worked as a litigation associate in New Orleans, clerked for the late Honorable Judge John V. Parker, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, and then worked as litigation attorney representing oilfield companies, contractors, and personal injury defendants throughout Louisiana. Most recently Erin has served as in-house counsel to multiple family-owned companies in South Louisiana.
Marc D. Moroux is a partner at Gibson Law Partners, LLC. His practice focuses on litigation of and counseling in complex matters of professional liability such as lawyers and law firms, doctors and health care providers, architects and engineers, insurance agents and accountants, general casualty such as oilfield, trucking, premises, construction and design, and products liability personal injuries, property damages, and revenue losses, service contract negotiation and litigation of defense, indemnity, and additional insurance obligations, commercial and probate lawsuits and disputes. Marc is a graduate of the University of Louisiana and Louisiana State University School of Law. He practices at all judicial levels in the states of Louisiana and Texas, all federal courts in Louisiana including the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, select federal district courts in Texas, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a Louisiana Super Lawyer and is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

Marc also served as corporate and as general counsel responsible for managing, handling, and/or negotiating all corporate, contractual, litigation, insurance placement, and other general legal matters for a domestic and international group of companies providing a wide variety of onshore and offshore construction, fabrication, field services, rentals, and goods to the upstream and downstream sectors of the energy and power industries including oil and gas, nuclear, and solar energy.

Halee Snellgrove Maturin joined Gibson Law Partners, LLC as an associate in June 2018. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2014, where she graduated magna cum laude. She later attended Paul M. Hebert Louisiana State University Law Center, where she earned her Juris Doctor and Diploma in Comparative Law. While in law school, Halee was an active participant in the law center’s trial advocacy program, where she served on the LSU Law Center Trial Advocacy Board. Halee also wrote for The Civilian, LSU Law Center’s student-run newspaper, where she served as a news writer and web director of the paper. Upon graduation from law school in 2017, Halee worked as the judicial law clerk to the Honorable Patrick L. Michot, a district court judge in the 15th Judicial District. Halee’s practice focuses on complex litigation and professional liability litigation, including litigation involving attorney malpractice, medical malpractice, accountant malpractice, architect and engineer malpractice, insurance agent malpractice, real estate malpractice, and ethical complaints against lawyers and judges. Halee is a member of both the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and the John M. Duhe, Jr. America Inns of Court.
Jacquelyn L. Duhon joined the firm as an associate in 2019. Ms. Duhon received her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication with a minor in History from Louisiana State University in 2013. She later attended the Paul M. Hebert Center of Louisiana State University where she graduated cum laude and earned her Juris Doctor and Diploma in comparative Law. While she was in law school, Jacquelyn was accepted onto the Louisiana Law Review and served on the Student Bar Association as Class Representative of her graduating class. Jacquelyn’s practice is predominately focused on complex litigation and professional liability litigation, including litigation involving attorney malpractice, medical malpractice, accountant malpractice, architect and engineer malpractice, insurance agent malpractice, real estate malpractice and ethical complaints against lawyers and judges. She is admitted to practice before each of the federal district courts in Louisiana, as well as the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.
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