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Practice Areas

Business Law

Commercial Litigation

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Maritime Law

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Eric McVittie's practice is concentrated in the areas of maritime tort and contract litigation and he provides corporate advice to both marine and non-marine businesses. Eric has been with LeGros Buchanan & Paul since 1992 and is one of the firm's managing directors. Eric's practice covers most maritime issues including, collisions, wreck removals, hull and machinery claims, personal injury and cargo losses. His transactional work includes corporate formation, corporate dissolutions and mergers, commercial disputes and resolutions, employment contracts, and general commercial transactions. He has extensive trial experience in both federal and state courts, and provides legal counsel to Pacific Northwest vessel owners and internationally-based protection and indemnity associations. He provides legal advice on a broad range of corporate and human resource matters to a client base ranging from restaurants to architects and developers, among others.

Eric earned a B.A. in History and Comparative History of Ideas from the University of Washington in 1978. For ten years, Eric worked in the marine industry, gaining invaluable shipyard and manufacturing experience. During his shipyard and fisheries career, Eric worked extensively with the repair and construction of North Pacific fishing vessels. He worked in Mexico and the Republic of Panama with the American, Mexican and Spanish tuna fleets, and speaks fluent Spanish. Eric then attended Northwestern University School of Law where he received his J.D. in 1990. While in law school, he served as the managing editor of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology.

An active member of the Marine Insurance Association of Seattle, Eric is the past-President (2004), and has held various other offices. He is also a member Maritime Law Association of the United States.

Eric is admitted to the state bars of Washington (1991), Oregon (2002) and Alaska (2005). He is also admitted to practice before the United States District Courts in Alaska, Oregon and the Western District of Washington, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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