



## Todd M. Baiad

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Todd Baiad is a partner in the Firm's Litigation Department. Mr. Baiad joined the Firm in 2000 upon his graduation from the Emory Law School.

Mr. Baiad focuses his practice on helping clients to solve their most complex and challenging legal problems. He has represented clients in a myriad of subject areas, with a primary focus on admiralty and maritime matters, complex commercial litigation, intellectual property disputes, class actions and personal injury claims. Mr. Baiad currently serves as outside litigation counsel to shipping lines, banks, professional service firms and Fortune 100 companies.

Mr. Baiad's broad based commercial and complex litigation practice has enabled him to handle matters at the local, state and federal level. He has been admitted to practice in multiple jurisdictions and has handled matters on behalf of clients in and among the following cities and jurisdictions: Chicago, San Francisco, Charleston, New York, New Jersey and Miami.

Mr. Baiad is fiercely committed to *pro bono* service and has represented multiple *pro bono* clients including The Savannah Book Foundation. Mr. Baiad previously chaired the Emory University's annual Savannah CARE project and has also served as a cabinet member for the United Way of the Coastal Empire for many years. Mr. Baiad also serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce where he sits on the law and judiciary committee.

Mr. Baiad received his bachelor of arts in political science with a minor in economics from the University of Georgia in 1997. While an undergraduate, Mr. Baiad was inducted into *Pi Sigma Alpha* an honors fraternity for political science majors. Mr. Baiad received his Juris Doctor from the Emory University School of Law in 2000. As a law student at Emory, Mr. Baiad clerked for the Federal Trade Commission specializing in anti-trust litigation.

Mr. Baiad has been selected as a *Rising Star* by Georgia Super Lawyers from 2006-2010, 2012-2015 and as a *Super Lawyer* in the areas of transportation law and business litigation in 2016-2018. Only 5% of the total lawyers in the state are selected for inclusion. He has likewise been included for selection in Georgia Trend's *Legal Elite* in the area of business litigation. Savannah Magazine recently voted Mr. Baiad as one of the City's top 20 rising stars of business. Mr.

Baiad has also been featured on National Public Radio, the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, the *Wall Street Journal* and Georgia Public Broadcasting for his work in maritime law.

Mr. Baiad is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Georgia. He is a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and has served as a Port Director for Savannah in the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute. Mr. Baiad's speaking engagements have included being asked by the International Section of the New York State Bar to discuss federal court litigation in Georgia at its annual meeting in Dublin, Ireland in the spring of 2017. Mr. Baiad's reported decisions include the following:

*Ray Capital, Inc. et. al v. M/V Newlead Castellano*, 2017 AMC 2614 (S.D. Ga. 2017); *MMA Capital Corporation v. ALR Oglethorpe, et. al* 336 Ga. App. 360 (2016); *Triad Health Management of Georgia, III, LLC v. Johnson*, 298 Ga. App. 204, 679 S.E.2d 785 (2009); *Barnette v. Coastal Hematology & Oncology, PC*, 294 Ga. App. 733, 670 S.E.2d 217 (2008); *Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. v. Camp Systems Intern., Inc.*, 428 F.Supp.2d 1369 (S.D. Ga. 2006); *Sweeney v. Branigar Properties, Inc.* 277 Ga. App. 677, 627 S.E.2d 409 (2006); *Blige v. M/V Geechee Girl*, 180 F.Supp.2d 1349 (S.D. Ga. 2001).

## Practice Areas

- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Malpractice & Professional Liability
- Maritime & Admiralty
- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Transportation & Logistics

## Education & recognition

- University of Georgia, B.A.
- Emory University School of Law, J.D.
- Clerkship, Federal Trade Commission specializing in anti-trust litigation
- Admitted to practice: Georgia; All federal courts in Georgia including 11th Circuit Court of Appeals; All Georgia State Courts
- Georgia Trend Magazine Legal Elite
- Super Lawyer Magazine Rising Star

- Savannah Magazine NextGen 40 Under 40

## Activities & affiliations

- Member: State Bar of Georgia; American Bar Association; Savannah Bar Association; Business Law Section, State Bar of Georgia
- Maritime Law Association; Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute; Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Member, Board of Directors, Georgia Chamber of Commerce; United Way of the Coastal Empire, Cabinet Member; Girl Scouts of America; Savannah Book Foundation

## Publications & presentations

- MMA Capital Corp. v. ALR Oglethorpe, LLC 336 Ga. App. 360 785 S.E.2d 38 (2016)
- Triad Health Management of Georgia, III, LLC v. Johnson, 298 Ga. App. 204, 679 S.E.2d 785 (2009)
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- Sweeney v. Branigar Properties, Inc. 277 Ga. App. 677, 627 S.E.2d 409 (2006)
- Blige v. M/V Geechee Girl, 180 F.Supp.2d 1349 (S.D. Ga. 2001)