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Focus

- Admiralty and Maritime
- Litigation
- Transportation and Logistics
- International

Accomplished maritime advocate helping clients address major marine casualties and high-stakes litigation. Bilingual, international perspective across complex maritime and environmental matters throughout the Americas.

Charles De Leo focuses his practice on admiralty and maritime law, representing vessel owners, operators, protection and indemnity (P&I) clubs, marine insurers, and other maritime interests in complex litigation. His practice encompasses maritime personal injury and wrongful death claims, natural resource damage and environmental claims, vessel collisions, hull and cargo claims, yacht-related matters, and products liability.

Charles is frequently called upon to assist members of the maritime industry in navigating major marine casualties and environmental incidents throughout the Americas, providing strategic representation with significant operational, financial, and regulatory considerations. With a longstanding focus on maritime law, he brings comprehensive insight and experience to help clients surmount even the most complex legal and logistical issues arising from casualty and other high-stakes claims.

Raised in South America, Charles is fluent in written and spoken Spanish and English. His bilingual capabilities and international background provide additional perspective when representing maritime clients and handling matters spanning the United States, Latin America, and the broader Americas.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2010-2026
  - Admiralty and Maritime Law
- *Chambers USA*, National, Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Litigation, 2007-2026
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2007-2026
  - Transportation and Maritime

Media

- "Florida Newsmakers: GrayRobinson Grows Admiralty and Maritime Practice With Veteran Maritime Defense Attorneys," *Daily Business Review*, September 25, 2026

- "After Closing Firm, Miami 3-Lawyer Maritime Team Opts for GrayRobinson," *Daily Business Review*, September 1, 2026
- "GrayRobinson Grows Maritime Group With Veteran Attys," *Law360*, September 1, 2026

Affiliations

- Maritime Law Association of the United States
  - Board of Directors, 2019-2023
  - Cruise and Passenger Vessels Committee
    - Chair, 2023-2024
  - Torts and Casualties Committee
    - Chair, 2014-2018
- South American P&I Correspondents Association (SAPIC)
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
  - Local Rules Committee, Maritime Member

Credentials

- J.D., Tulane University Law School, 1982
- B.A., University of California, 1979

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Languages

- Spanish