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Prentice (Skip) Strong III- Case Summary – October 2020

In addition to the cases listed below Skip has provided numerous written professional opinions on different issues within his areas of expertise but no depositions were taken and no appearance at trial was required as the case had settled. In some cases, his opinion did not support the client's position and he was requested to close his file.

2008 C.A. 2:06-cv-3377-cwh – Charleston Marine Services, LLC vs MV Romantica and Skippership, NY, LLC. Tecklenburg Law Firm, Charleston

MV Romantica was caught in severe weather and the crew forced to abandon the vessel after taking on water. Issued one report on vessel operation in heavy weather, boarding vessels in heavy weather and handling characteristics of drifting vessels. **Deposition testimony and testified in Federal Court.**

2011 C.A. 08-4007 – Stephen Marshall Gabarick and Bernard Attridge on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated vs Laurin Maritime (America) Inc; Whitefin Shipping Co. LTD; D.R.D. Towing Company, LLC; American Commercial Lines Inc; and the New Orleans Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association. Phelps Dunbar, New Orleans

Collision of *MV Tintomara* and towboat *Mel Oliver* and barges in the Mississippi River. Two expert reports on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules and Piloting. **Trial testimony in Federal Court.**

2014 C.A. 2:13-CV-00673 C/W -4975 – Slatten, LLC and Bisso Towboat Co. vs Royal Caribbean Cruises, LTD and Royal Caribbean International. Daigle Fisse & Kessenich, New Orleans

Barge breakaway at United Bulk Terminal as the result of a high speed overtaking of two vessels near a barge fleet. Issued one report on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules and Piloting. No deposition and case settled prior to trial.

2015 C.A. 14-1321 C/W 14-134 Kirby Inland Marine vs Sea Galaxy Marine. Chaffe McCall, New Orleans

Collision of *MV Summer Wind* and towboat *Miss Susan* and barges in the Houston Ship Channel. Issued three reports on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules, Bridge Resource Management and Piloting. **Trial testimony in Federal Court.**

2016 C.A. 13-6216 – Marquette Transportation Company Gulf-Inland, LLC vs *MV Chembulk Westport*, et al. Phelps Dunbar, New Orleans

Sinking of the towboat *Kristen Alexis* while being passed by *MV Chembulk Westport* in the Mississippi River. Issued two reports on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules, Bridge Resource Management and Piloting. No deposition and case settled at the start of trial.

2016 C.A. 4:15-cv-00714 Chembulk Houston PTE, LTD and Chembulk Management, LLC vs *MV Monte Alegre*. Richard Gorman Law, Houston

Collision between *MV Chembulk Houston* and *MV Monte Alegre* during an overtaking in the Houston Ship Channel. Issued one report on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules, Bridge Resource Management and Piloting. **Deposition Testimony and testified in Federal Court.**

2018 C.A. 2:16-cv 902 SCF Waxler Marine LLC d/b/a SCF Liquids vs *MV Aris T*. Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans

Three dock allision by *MV Aris T* while avoiding two down bound towboats overtaking in a bend of the Mississippi River. Issued one report on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules, Bridge Resource Management and Piloting. **Deposition testimony. Trail testimony in Federal Court.**

2019 C.A. 1:17-cv-00203 C/W 1:17-cv-00247 C/W 1:18-cv-00035 Paragon Asset Management Company vs Gulf Copper & Manufacturing Corporation and Signet Maritime Corporation. Royston Rayzor, Houston

During Hurricane Harvey in 2018 *Signet Enterprise* was sunk and *Signet Arcturus* damaged while assisting *Paragon DPDS1* at the Gulf Copper facility in Corpus Christi. Issued two reports on tug usage and heavy weather mooring. **Deposition testimony.** Case is pending.

2020 C.A. 18-4678 In the matter of the complaint of Grand Famous Shipping Ltd and Beikun Shipping Tianjin Co. Ltd as owner and owner pro hac vice of the *MV Yochow* for exoneration from and/or limitation of liability. Richard Gorman Law, Houston

Allision involving *MV Yochow* and the moored barge *OSG 243* in the upper Houston Ship Channel. Issued two reports on Navigation, Inland Navigation Rules, Bridge Resource Management and Piloting. Case is pending.