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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Jeffcoat focuses on civil litigation in state and federal courts, including personal injury claims, admiralty and maritime disputes, and commercial litigation. He regularly represents people who have been injured in motor vehicle accidents, hurt on the job, or who have been injured as a result of the negligence of hospitals, nursing homes, or other medical providers. He also regularly represents vessel owners and operators, marine insurers, and others involved in maritime disputes including collisions, allisions, vessel arrests, maritime liens, personal injury, navigation rules, and maritime regulations. Prior to practicing law, he graduated from Maine Maritime Academy and sailed as an officer on U.S. flag merchant ships on coastwise and foreign voyages. He holds a 1600-ton Master's License.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

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EDUCATION

University of Baltimore School of Law, 2012, J.D., summa cum laude

Maine Maritime Academy, 2005, B.S., cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Maryland

District of Columbia

U.S. District Court: District of Maryland

RECOGNITIONS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Baltimore Commercial Litigation "Ones to Watch" (2023, 2024), Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs "Ones to Watch" (2024) and Admiralty and Maritime Law (2026, 2027)
- Lawyer of the Year, Baltimore, Maryland for Admiralty and Maritime Law (2027)
- *Maryland Super Lawyers*®, Transportation/Maritime (2019–2022)

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Maryland Port Director of the South Eastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Board of Directors: Pride of Baltimore
- Member: Maryland State Bar Association
- Member: District of Columbia Bar Association
- Member: Bar Association of Baltimore City
- Member: Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Member: Propeller Club of Baltimore
- Member: International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots
- Member: Eastport Yacht Club Sailing Committee
- Past Board Member: Indian Landing Boat Club

INSIGHTS

"Maryland is Committed to the Port of Baltimore", *The Baltimore Sun*, November 2021