

Elizabeth Haecker Ryan

Elizabeth joined Coats Rose as a Director in 2012. A former editor of the Louisiana State Bar Association's magazine, she has been named to the *Best Lawyers in America*® list in 2010-2018 in the area of professional malpractice law (Woodward White, Inc.). Additionally, Elizabeth has been selected to the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* list in 2007-2017 in the areas of class action/mass torts, transportation/maritime, and environmental law (*Thomson Reuters*). She has lectured on numerous occasions regarding environmental, insurance, and professional topics, and is an adjunct professor at Tulane University Law School.

Elizabeth pursued architecture studies at Tulane School of Architecture (1975-1976). In law school, she served on the Moot Court of Tulane University Law School, and as an editor of the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*. Additionally, she clerked for the Honorable George Arceneaux, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1980-1981). Her former employment includes Partner at Lemle and Kelleher and Partner at Montgomery Barnett.

Elizabeth practices in the area of general civil litigation, with a concentration in construction; environmental; insurance defense and coverage; admiralty and pharmaceutical; and medical device law. For more than 30 years, she has litigated matters involving toxic tort; class action; maritime personal injury and property damages; personal property damage arising out of fire; products liability; pharmaceuticals; interstate transportation of hazardous substances and the sale of same by maritime transporters; and truck and auto litigation. Elizabeth also serves as a mediator and an umpire in insurance appraisal matters and is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.