

Misha is a first-generation American raised in San Antonio, Texas. Not ready to give up his time in the Texas Hill Country, Misha earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin. Misha's next endeavor brought him to Houston to pursue his law degree at the University of Houston Law Center.

Misha's first exposure to the maritime industry was during his law school clerkship at Donato Brown Pool and Moehlmann, PLLC (formerly Donato Minx Brown and Pool), where he handled offshore injury and casualty claims for various marine insurers. During law school, Misha competed in the John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition and served as an editor on the Houston Journal of International Law. By the end of his second year in law school, Misha knew he wanted to be a maritime lawyer and was offered a clerkship with Phelps Dunbar's Houston office. After graduating and passing the bar in 2016, Misha accepted an offer to join Phelps' admiralty litigation team. In 2019, Misha joined Clark Hill PLC (formerly Strasburger & Price) where he continued to represent clients in the marine and energy industries. During his time at Clark Hill, Misha was part of a trial team that secured the second largest bench award of 2021 (\$17M+) in favor of a tug and barge operator struck by a tanker in the Galveston Bay. Last year, Misha was recognized by his peers in the Best Lawyers Ones to Watch list, a recognition given to attorneys for outstanding professional excellence in private practice who typically have less than 10 years of experience. Earlier this year, Misha joined Nichols Brar Weitzner & Thomas LLP as a Partner, expanding the firm's capabilities in both marine casualty claims and commercial disputes.

Since 2015, Misha has been an active member of the Houston Mariners Club and many of you may know him from his current role as a member of the Board of Directors. In the past two years, Misha has helped organize several happy hours, the HMC Golf Tournament, and the first post-COVID Holiday Party! Misha has grand visions for the future of the Club and looks forward to not only continuing Club traditions, but also helping spearhead new and exciting events in the coming years to drive new membership and increase participation from current members.

In addition to his efforts for the Club, Misha is the director and a coach of the University of Houston Law Center's Admiralty Moot Court team. Misha also serves in an advisory board role to the Houston Maritime Center.

Misha and his wife, Stacy, are proud new parents to their baby girl, Mila, who was born earlier this summer.

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