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### Current Positions

2010-present Deputy Director, U.S. Global Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) Coordination Center (GMCC), U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security. The GMCC supports the national-level interagency/whole-of-government responses to urgent maritime threats involving U.S. interests worldwide in accordance with a Presidentially directed plan (GS-15). The MOTR process has supported more than 2,000 coordinated maritime threat responses to piracy, drug trafficking, fishing violations, and migrant smuggling by integrating law enforcement agencies, the intelligence community, diplomats, and military departments. Reports to the National Security Council staff during facilitation of cases.

Also serves as Attorney-Advisor, Response Law Division, Office of Maritime and International Law, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

Further serves as a Visiting Professor at the United States Naval Academy for a course on maritime security, law of the sea, and responding to maritime terrorism (NL486B), teaching this class since 2009.

In 2016, selected by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) for the Fulbright Specialist Roster. Further selected in 2016 by the Hague Institute of Global Justice as one of twelve experts for their Global Governance Reform Initiative: Oceans Governance.

Principal author of a multilateral information sharing arrangement among multiple countries to bridge "whole-of-government" maritime security offices (signed in 2016). Led the multinational working group that developed this pioneering agreement. Also authored a collaborative framework between the Governments of the United States and Canada to facilitate timely information sharing (MERP-MOTR Strategic Protocol), approved in 2012. This bi-national Protocol has been successfully used and exercised over the past four years to address security threats and safety events.

Led U.S. Government efforts to revise port security protocols to more effectively identify and respond to maritime threats on inbound vessels, as well as integrate sanctions enforcement, transforming a process that existed for decades. Also led successful U.S. Government efforts to develop a disposition framework for the response to high seas driftnet fishing to support expeditious resolution.

On behalf of the National Security Council staff and the Department of Defense, facilitated five national-level tabletop exercises involving the Departments of

Defense, State, Homeland Security, and Justice that examined the whole-of-government coordination responses for Ebola in the maritime environment and separately, rescues at sea involving migrants, the response to a mining event, government alerts/warnings to U.S. mariners, and an anti-terrorism criminal law treaty.

**U.S. Navy Assignments** *Retired in 2010 in the rank of Captain (O-6) after 21 years of active duty Naval service in the Judge Advocate General's Corps*

2008–2010 *Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office, Naval District Washington.*  
Senior

prosecutor and ethics counselor; led 20 lawyers and officers, enlisted, and civilians in the Navy's National Capital Region, with both staff judge advocates and trial counsel.

2006-2008 *Executive Assistant and Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the Navy, Pentagon.* Led front office staff that provided legal, policy, and administrative support to the senior attorney in the Department of the Navy. The Navy Office of General Counsel has 650 civilian and uniformed lawyers in approximately 140 offices worldwide.

2003-2006 *Oceans Policy Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy,*  
Pentagon

- Principal author of the United States Piracy Policy, signed by the President.
- Developed the interagency U.S. Piracy Logistics Guidance, in coordination with NCIS, the U.S. Coast Guard and the FBI, for use by operational forces following maritime interdictions.
- Lead DoD delegate to the International Maritime Organization during successful negotiations to amend the counter-terrorism treaty proscribing the maritime transport of chemical, nuclear and biological weapons, Suppression of Unlawful Acts (SUA).
- OSD lead on development of National Security Presidential Directive 42 governing DoD notification of significant for military exercises and freedom of navigation assertions in designated areas; approved by the President.
- OSD delegate to U.S.-China maritime consultations.

2003 *Deputy Legal Advisor, Joint Staff, Pentagon.* Crisis Action Team legal adviser posted in the National Military Command Center to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2002-2003 *Division Director, Claims, Investigations and Tort Litigation (Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General), Washington Navy Yard.* Led office of 30 personnel in responding to thousands of tort claims against the Navy in excess of \$1 billion.

2001-2002 *Associate Deputy General Counsel, DoD's Office of General Counsel (International Affairs), Pentagon.* Counsel for international security law, with a focus on maritime

security, maritime interdiction operations, and freedom of navigation.

1998-2000 *Legal Adviser, KITTY HAWK Battle Group*, Yokosuka, Japan. Deployed throughout the Arabian Gulf and Southeast Asia. Counsel for Admiral leading a Carrier Strike Group.

1997-1998 *Legal Adviser, USS KITTY HAWK* aircraft carrier, San Diego, California. Lead counsel for U.S. warship with crew of more than 5,000 service members; supervised 75 legal and security personnel. Oversaw 250 investigations and resolution of 600 cases.

1995-1997 *Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service Office*, Port Hueneme, California. Led legal office on a base supporting Seabees. Also deployed to Rockhampton, Australia for TANDEM THRUST; interpreted the Status of Forces Agreement and negotiated a contract to secure access to a civilian port facility for high-profile multinational exercise.

1992-1995 *Legal Adviser, US Naval Support Force Antarctica (Operation Depp Freeze)*. Deployed to New Zealand and Antarctica. Also served as *Assistant Legal Adviser, Commander, Submarine Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet*, Norfolk, Virginia, *Legal Adviser to Commanding Officer, USS LY Spear (AS 36)*, Norfolk, Virginia, and *Legal Adviser to Commanding Officer, Administrative Support Unit*, Bahrain.

1989-1992 *Defense Counsel*, Norfolk, Virginia, represented more than 100 defendants in criminal litigation, including jury and felony trials, and *Senior Trial Counsel*, Oceana, Virginia. Criminal litigator; prosecuted 40 cases, including jury and felony trials.

## Education

2010 Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, **U.S. Naval War College**

2009 Seminar XXI, Security Studies Program, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

2001 Master of Laws (LL. M), **George Washington University**

1988 Juris Doctorate, **University of Florida College of Law**

1984 Bachelor of Science, **Florida State University**

## Professional Memberships

Member, United States Supreme Court; Member, Supreme Court of the State of Florida; Member, U.S. Naval War College Foundation; Fellow, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society.

## Publications

Authored more than 25 articles and book chapters on interagency alignment, maritime security, and energy security. Articles have appeared in the Stanford Journal of International Law, Harvard International Review, Foreign Policy, and the Columbia Journal of International Affairs, among others, including:

- Human Rights and Maritime Law Enforcement, Stanford Journal of International Law, Volume 52, Issue 2; 2016
- Book chapter: The Complex Nature of Today's Maritime Security Issues; Routledge Handbook of Naval Strategy and Security, 2016
- The Mediterranean Migrant Crisis: Key Considerations for the UN Security Council, Harvard National Security Journal, 2015
- Five Maritime Security Developments That Will Resonate For a Generation, Harvard National Security Journal, 2015
- Book chapter: "Reshaping maritime security cooperation: The importance of interagency coordination at the national level," Modern Piracy: Legal Challenges and Response; Douglas Guilfoyle, ed. 2013
- Effective Border Security Operations: Identifying and Responding to Maritime Threats; Proceedings of the Border Guard Conference; Saudi Arabia, 2012
- The Somali Piracy Challenge: Operational Partnering, The Rule of Law, and Capacity Building; Loyola University Chicago International Law Review, Vol. 9; Issue 1; 2012
- Submersibles and Transnational Criminal Organizations; Ocean and Coastal Law Journal; Vol. 17, Issue 1; 2011
- "Foreword" in Contemporary Maritime Piracy; International Law, Strategy and Diplomacy at Sea; James Kraska, Praeger Security International, 2011
- Making Stovepipes Work; Proceedings of the U.S. Naval Institute, 2011
- WMD on the High Seas, Warships (United Kingdom), 2010
- An Avoidable Maritime Conflict: Disputes Regarding Military Activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone, Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce, Vol. 41, No. 3; 2010
- A Diplomatic Game-Changer: Reshaping the Fight Against Terrorists and Criminals at Sea, Australian Journal of Maritime and Ocean Affairs, Vol 1 [4]; 2009
- The Long – And Unfinished Road – to Globally Regulating Small Arms and Light Weapons, American Diplomacy, 2010
- Effectively Confronting a Regional Threat: Somali Piracy, Conflict Trends (South Africa); Issue 1, 2009

- Co-author, China Wages Maritime "Lawfare": The Battle of Ideas Behind China's Naval Aggression, Foreign Policy, Online Exclusive, 2009
- Co-author, Beijing's Political and Legal "Warfare" to Deny Littoral Access: Foreign Military Activities in China's EEZ, Asian Defence Journal (Malaysia), 2009
- Co-author, The Co-Operative Strategy and the Pirates of the Gulf of Aden, The RUSI Journal (United Kingdom); Volume 154, Issue 2, 2009
- Co-author, Combating pirates of the Gulf of Aden: The Djibouti Code and the Somali Coast Guard, Ocean & Coastal Management, 2009
- Co-author, American Security and Law of the Sea, Ocean Development & International Law; Volume 40, 2009
- Co-author, Somali Piracy: A Nasty Problem, a Web of Responses, Current History, 2009
- Co-author, Maritime Diplomacy and Piracy in East Africa, Columbia Journal of International Affairs; Vol. 62, No. 2, Spring/Summer 2009
- Co-author, Pirates of the Gulf of Aden: The Coalition is the Strategy, Volume 43 Stanford Journal of International Law, 2009
- Indo-US Partnering: Time for the Next Step, National Maritime Foundation (India); 2009
- Co-author, Off Course: The Dark Side of Tracking All Shipping: Pirates Can Do It Too, Armed Forces Journal, November 2009
- Co-author, Diplomatic Efforts against the Gulf of Aden Pirates: A Model from the Gulf of Guinea, Harvard International Review, February 2009
- Co-author, Anti-Piracy Patrols Presage Rising Naval Powers, YaleGlobal Magazine, January 13, 2009
- Co-author, Fighting Piracy: The Pen and the Sword, The World Policy Journal (2008/09) and Fighting Piracy: The Pen and the Sword, Part II, The World Policy Blog, January 29, 2009
- Co-author, Piracy, Policy and Law, Proceedings of the U.S. Naval Institute, 2008