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Current Position:

Founder and principal, *The Law Office of Bruce P. Dalcher*, offering legal and consulting services in maritime, international, and governmental matters; established 2004. **Admitted to practice** before the US Supreme Court, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and the Court of Appeals of the Armed Forces.

Proctor member, Maritime Law Association of the United States

Education:

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Juris Doctor *cum laude* and Certificate in Maritime Law, 1994;. Trial Advocacy fellow, 1993-1994

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Bachelor of Science with honors, Mathematics, 1988

Bachelor of Arts, Geography, 1979

Recent activity:

Client matters include: Merchant Marine license defense, marine air pollution consultations, civil penalty defense, marine employment contracts, consultations regarding the International Maritime Organisation, Oil Record Book / Oily Water Separator training, vessel reflagging, vessel documentation facilitation, and environmental crimes (2004-2008).

Rapporteur & facilitator, professional education for Department of Homeland Security (2006)

Invited speaker, *Viewpoints on Maritime Disasters*, at US Average Adjusters meeting (2005)

Invited judge, Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court competition (2005)

Rapporteur & facilitator, strategic studies, for Department of Homeland Security (2005)

Homeland Security Defense Education Consortium facilitator (2005)

Approved defense counsel, Merchant Officers Protective Syndicate (2005)

Principal rapporteur and workgroup facilitator, *Charting a Course for Homeland Security Strategic Studies*, U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT (2004)

Invited workgroup facilitator, *Following the Commissions: Analysis & Implementation of the Ocean Commission & Pew Commission Reports*, Roger Williams University School of Law, Newport, RI (2004)

Book review essay: Shigeru Oda's *Fifty Years of the Law of the Sea*, 35 *J. of Maritime Law and Commerce* No. 3, p. 451 (July 2004)

Invited speaker, *Panic and Power: The USA PATRIOT ACT*, at The Values of Capitalism conference, Las Vegas, NV, (2004)

2002 – 2003:

Hearing Officer; Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (retired 1 October 2003)

Adjudicate civil penalty cases brought by the Coast Guard: discretion to assess penalties or dismiss cases. Preside over hearings, evaluate evidence, apply maritime & environmental laws, weigh matters in extenuation or aggravation, issue final written decisions.

1998 – 2002:

Associate Professor of Law, Department of Humanities, US Coast Guard Academy. Courses:

Maritime Law Enforcement. International and environmental law, marine security, law of the sea, jurisdiction, search & seizure, self-incrimination, use of force, liability, &c. A core curriculum course.

Constitutional Law and **International Law.** Advanced elective seminars.

Faculty Supervisor, various directed study projects in law.

Adjunct faculty, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI. Courses:

Law of the Sea. Advanced seminar centered on the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, marine security, and marine environmental régimes.

Faculty Supervisor, various directed study projects on marine transport and security issues.

Other Scholarly activity:

Editor & contributing author, *Maritime Law Enforcement: Cases & Materials* (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Editions: McGraw-Hill, 1999 – 2001)

“Coast Guard and Coastlines: Coast Guard alien migrant interdiction operations” (in *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*, James Ciment, ed., M. E. Sharpe, Inc., 2001, V. 1 p. 315)

“International Law Perspectives” (Panel presentation on the 11 September attacks at U S Coast Guard Academy forum, October 2001)

“The Coast Guard as Maritime Enforcer” (CLE presentation delivered before Maritime Law Association and the NYC Bar, May 2001)

Invited workgroup facilitator, *Crossing the Bow: Identifying & Harmonizing Jurisdictional & Decision-Making Overlap in the U.S. MTS* (2002)

Workgroup participant, *National Model Port Workshop* (2001)

Workgroup participant, *Troubled Waters: Managing Competing Marine Interests in Western Long Island Sound* (1998)

Research interests include maritime law, marine security, marine policy and decision-making, international environmental law, and jurisprudence.

Previous Legal Experience:

1996-1998: Deputy US representative, International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee

Conceive, research & draft US positions; negotiate clearance within US government; negotiate with foreign counterparts to advance US shipping and liability policy goals. Member of US delegations to resulting diplomatic conference and to Major Maritime Powers meetings.

1994-1996: Staff Attorney, Maritime & International Law division, Coast Guard Headquarters

Primary USCG attorney for vessel documentation, hazardous materials transportation, container inspections, and port safety & security issues: advised client USCG divisions, briefed witnesses for Congressional hearings. Reviewed appeals of merchant mariners’ license revocations and civil penalties; authored final Agency Action decisions (slip opinions) for signature of USCG Commandant.

Other experience:

1980: graduated from Officer Candidate School, commissioned in the US Coast Guard

1980-1985: a variety of junior officer assignments in Miami, FL, Pensacola, FL, and New Orleans, LA

1988-1991: Inspector and Investigator assigned to the Marine Inspection Office in New Orleans, LA; awarded a number of technical qualifications in the area of commercial vessel safety; held several supervisory posts; prosecuted Suspension and Revocation cases against merchant mariners’ licenses before an administrative law judge; competitively selected for law school through the Coast Guard.

References

Available upon request