



U.S. COAST GUARD LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Larry Stephen Cox who visited the Institute between the 20 and 21 March, 2014 where he met the students of the IMLI class of 2013/2014. Mr. L. Stephen Cox is Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard International Port Security Programme's Legal Section.



Mr. L. Stephen Cox with the students of the IMLI Class of 2013/2014

Mr. Cox lectured on the topic Ship & Port Security Legislation Development. In his lecture, he covered the area of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) International Port Security Programme, which states among others that Coast Guards shall assess the effectiveness of the antiterrorism measures in foreign ports, recommend the steps necessary to improve the antiterrorism measures in use at the port and shall implement assistance programs to improve foreign port security antiterrorism measures.

Post 9/11 Ship & Port Security Developments were discussed by Mr. Cox, wherein he delved in depth into legislative developments. These developments included the US Maritime Transportation Security Act, the Maritime Transport & Offshore Facilities Act of Australia, and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of Canada. In the spheres of the international arena, he made reference to EU Regulation 725/2004, IMO's International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and Chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS).

His lecture also covered Model Legislation on Maritime Security (MSC 84/4/4 which was restated in MSC 85/WP.6). Mr. Cox stated that this resolution was proposed by 29 IMO Contracting Governments to, including but not limited to promoting legislation defining authorities and responsibilities defining maritime security administrative structure, establishing guidelines for national authorities, RSOs, and ship/port facility operators, defining control and compliance procedures and defining sanctions for security violations.

In his capacity as Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard International Port Security Programme's Legal Section, he coordinates interagency International Port Security Programme legal initiatives and represents the U.S. Coast Guard to ministerial officials and international organizations abroad. As architect and principal drafter of the Coast Guard's Model Port Security Compendium (MPSC) he leads the development of Coast Guard international port security legal assessment and assistance policies. Prior to this assignment he was a maritime law practitioner in New Orleans, Louisiana from 1999 to 2010.

Mr. Cox served as an aviation intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy from 1984 to 1997 before entering the practice of law. Mr. Cox is a graduate of the University of South Florida where he attained both a bachelor's and A Master's in Geography. At Loyola University School of Law, he earned a Juris Doctorate, serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Loyola Poverty Law Journal and member of the Moot Court board. Thereafter, Mr. Cox went on to study at Tulane University School of Law, earning a Master of Laws in Admiralty.

Mr. Cox is the author of a book, "The Cedarville Conspiracy". He is also the author of several articles, including "The International Approach to U.S. Border Security", "The Advent and Future of International Port Security Law", "Sources of American Maritime Criminal Law", "Implications of the Military Death Penalty" and "Alone and Unafraid with the Brownshoes".

The students were indeed appreciative of his very practical and enlightening lectures.

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