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## U.S. COAST GUARD LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Larry Stephen Cox who visited the Institute between the 7 and 8 March, 2016 where he met the students of the IMLI class of 2015-2016. Mr. L. Stephen Cox is Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard International Port Security Programme's Legal Section.



*Mr. Larry Stephen Cox meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016*

Mr. Cox delivered two lectures on Ship & Port Security Legislation Development. After a general introduction to maritime security, He discussed the advent of international ship and port security law, where since 2002, the world's maritime nations have issued a wide array of legislative devices on ship and port security from treaties, statutes, regulations, rules to decrees.

He later addressed the ship and port security legislative developments which were sped up drastically in reaction to the September 11, 2001 attacks; most notably the IMO's International

Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS), which have entered into force under SOLAS Chapter XI-2 on 1 July, 2004. He further explained the implementation of the ISPS Code in major maritime countries including the United States, Canada, Australia and European Union countries, where the ISPS Code has been transposed into European regulation 725/2004 binding for all EU members.

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, Mr. Cox 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.

He 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. Larry Stephen 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 appreciative of his very practical and enlightening lectures.

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