



U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICERS LECTURE AT IMLI

Commander (CDR) William George (International Port Security Liaison Officer, Coast Guard Activities, Europe, Schinnen, Netherlands) and Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Rachel Strubel (Senior Staff Attorney, Coast Guard Atlantic Area) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and delivered a joint lecture on Ship and Port Security Legislation Development on 21-22 March 2018 to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



CDR William George (International Port Security Liaison Officer, Coast Guard Activities, Europe, Schinnen, Netherlands) and LCDR Rachel Strubel (Senior Staff Attorney, Coast Guard Atlantic Area) with the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

In their joint lecture, CDR George and LCDR Strubel discussed Key Action Areas of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) International Port Security Programme, which includes, among others, that the US 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 and antiterrorism measures.

The two officers further discussed at length the Post 9/11 Ship and Port Security legislation developments that were undertaken in order to improve current ship and port security systems. These developments included the US Maritime Transportation Security Act, the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Act of Australia, and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of Canada. In the spheres of the international arena, they 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, (SOLAS)1974.

The students were indeed appreciative of the very practical and enlightening lectures presented by the two officers.



CDR William George (International Port Security Liaison Officer, Coast Guard Activities, Europe, Schinnen, Netherlands) and LCDR Rachel Strubel (Senior Staff Attorney, Coast Guard Atlantic Area) presenting their lecture

On their experiences in lecturing at IMLI, CDR William George, on behalf of LCDR Rachel Strubel, had this to say:

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, and students of the IMO-IMLI for the opportunity to present to such a distinguished and diverse audience. I was very impressed with the students and the level of knowledge and interest they demonstrated during the lecture. It was a pleasure to be a part of such a distinguished group.

Commander William J. George currently serves as an International Port Security Liaison Officer, Coast Guard Activities, Europe, in Schinnen, Netherlands. He is responsible for assessing anti-

terrorism measures implemented at foreign ports, reviewing security practices at foreign port facilities, and advocating best practices to improve maritime security and governance. His portfolio includes countries throughout Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East. CDR George received a commission in the U.S. Coast Guard, Judge Advocate Corps in July 2005. Following completion of Naval Justice School, he reported to the U.S. Coast Guard Legal Office in Miami, Florida, where he served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate until June 2009. He provided command advice and policy guidance on the interaction of Coast Guard forces with the 28 nations in and around the Caribbean basin. During this time, CDR George also served on the prosecution team of the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida as a Special Assistant United States Attorney- where he assisted in trial preparations and prosecution of cases involving maritime pollution violations. From July 2009 to July 2012, CDR George served as the U.S. Coast Guard Deputy Chief of the Waterways Management Division at the Port of New York and New Jersey. CDR George was responsible for the Coast Guard's administration and oversight of all aspect of one of the nation's busiest maritime transportation hub; including construction and dredging projects, over 600 annual marine events, and worked as a Coast Guard liaison to private, local, state, and other federal agencies to coordinate waterway usage; ensuring the safety, security, and efficiency of the Maritime Transportation System operations within the nation's third largest port. From July 2012 to June 2016, CDR George served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate at the Coast Guard Legal Office in Juneau, Alaska. He was responsible for providing legal advice to the Commanding Officer on all areas of maritime law, fiscal and administrative law, claims and litigation, ethics, and military justice. In addition, CDR George served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney on the prosecution team of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Alaska and prosecuted violations of the Oil Pollution Act. CDR George's personal military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Commendation Medal, and Coast Guard Achievement Medal, as well as the Coast Guard Judge Advocate General's Spirit of Excellence Award.

Lieutenant Commander Rachel P. Strubel currently serves as a Senior Staff Attorney for Coast Guard Atlantic Area. She is responsible for providing command advice and legal support to Atlantic Area units. Prior to this assignment, Lieutenant Commander Strubel attended law school under the Coast Guard's funded program from August 2013 to May 2016. She served as Instructor at the Coast Guard's National Search and Rescue School at Training Center Yorktown, VA from July 2010 to August 2013. Prior to her assignment at Training Center Yorktown, she served as Assistant Enforcement Division Officer at Sector Charleston, SC from May 2007 to July 2010. Lieutenant Commander Strubel graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy of New London, Connecticut in 2007 with a Bachelor's of Science in Management. She received a Masters in Business Administration from American Military University in 2012. Lieutenant Commander Strubel also received a Juris Doctor from William and Mary Law School of Williamsburg, Virginia in 2016 and is a member of the Maryland bar. Individual military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, and various other unit and team awards.

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