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MR. JEFF R. BRAY

Mr. Jeff Bray is the Deputy, office of Maritime and International Law at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. This office is comprised of over 35 attorneys, both military and civilian, and provides legal advice and support in areas of prevention law, response law, environmental law, and international law. This office also provides legal support for Coast Guard participation in IMO committees and subcommittees, as well as Arctic Council working groups and task forces. Mr. Bray has served in this position since 2017.

Prior to becoming the Deputy, Mr. Bray was the Chief, Environmental Law Division in the Coast Guard Headquarters office of Maritime and International Law. He directed the delivery of legal service, advice and guidance on Coast Guard environmental law and policy issues at the national level. He was responsible for providing advice on environmental compliance aspects of mission and facility planning to ensure successful mission execution and support and provides representation and litigation support on cases where the Coast Guard was either asserting or defending against environmental claims or demands. Mr. Bray also led the Coast Guard's legal efforts to enforce and hold violators responsible for violating environmental laws, and supported Coast Guard marine environmental response operations.

Prior to his retirement from active duty in January 2017, Commander Bray served as the Chief, Prevention Law Division in the Coast Guard Headquarters office of Maritime and International Law (CG-LMI-P), where he was responsible for providing legal advice to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy. CDR Bray was also the Coast Guard liaison the DEEPWATER HORIZON Department of Justice Criminal Investigation Team; he has served in this capacity since September 2011. Prior to that assignment, CDR Bray served in the Office of General Law at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC from May 2012 to May 2015. As a staff attorney and team lead for the Administrative Law division, he provided legal advice on a wide variety of topics including military personnel law, fiscal law, ethics and administrative law to a multiple headquarters clients including the Commandant and Vice-Commandant and their staffs. CDR Bray served in the Office of Legislation from June 2011 to June 2012. He served as the Coast Guard attorney to the joint MMS-USCG Marine Board of Investigation established to investigate the explosion, fire, sinking and loss of 11 lives that occurred onboard the MODU DEEPWATER HORIZON in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010, he served in this role from April 2010 through the release of the Commandant's Final Action Memo in September 2011. CDR Bray also served in the Office of Environmental and Real Property Law from June 2007 to April 2010, in the Office of Claims and Litigation from June 2005 to April 2007, and in the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law from September 2003 to April 2005.



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CDR Bray graduated *Cum Laude* from Brooklyn Law School in June 2003, and earned his undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the State of New York in February 1997. LCDR Bray was commissioned in the Coast Guard in August 2003 through the Direct Commission Lawyer program.

CDR Bray entered the Coast Guard through Cape May, New Jersey in October 1992, his first assignment as a non-rate was aboard the USCGC ANVIL, then home-ported in Corpus Christi, Texas. LCDR Bray graduated from MST A-school at TRACEN Yorktown in March 1995, and was stationed as an MST at Group New York on Governor's Island, New York in the Pollution Response Office from April 2005 to April 2007, then at Sector New York on Staten Island, New York in the Marine Response Division from May 2007 to July 2003. He was an MST1 when he was selected for the DCL program.

CDR Bray's personal awards include the three Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the 9-11 Medal, two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, and three Good Conduct Awards.

Mr. Bray is married to Tonni Bray, and has one daughter, Madeline Bray, they live in Arlington, VA.