



Hon. Michael J. Devine

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Baltimore, Maryland

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard



Judge Devine serves as a Coast Guard Administrative Law Judge in Baltimore, Maryland. Judge Devine assumed this position in 2007. He hears and decides Merchant Mariner Credential suspension and revocation cases, as well as other cases initiated by the Department of Homeland Security and other agency hearings as assigned by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Prior to accepting his current position with the U.S. Coast Guard, Judge Devine served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in San Antonio, Texas. Judge Devine's judicial career began in 1994 with his appointment as a Military Judge for the U.S. Coast Guard. Thereafter, he served as Chief Trial Judge from 2000-2002.

Judge Devine's previous experience as an attorney with the U.S. Coast Guard includes service in a variety of positions including: assignment as Trial Attorney to the U.S. Department of Justice (Aviation and Admiralty Section); Assistant District Legal Officer and Trial Counsel for Courts-Martial; Appellate Counsel; Senior Attorney Coast Guard Office of Claims and Litigation; Chief Office of Military Justice; Chief Office of General Law; and Chief Trial Judge.

In 2002, Judge Devine was selected as one of the original members of the Transportation Security Administration's Office of Chief Counsel. In this capacity, he worked on criminal enforcement issues with TSA law enforcement officers and on international law matters relating to admiralty. Most notably, Judge Devine served as a member of the United States delegation to the International Maritime Organization, which amended the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA) to include new provisions to address terrorism concerns in the maritime environment following the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Judge Devine is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy and a 1985 graduate of the Western New England College School of Law (Cum Laude). Prior to attending law school, Judge Devine served as a deck watch officer in Coast Guard and Navy ships.

Judge Devine is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, Maryland and before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.