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Key Skills

Expert in maritime and international law, maritime policy, regulation, enforcement, adjudication, strategic planning and implementation. Highly experienced in environmental law and interagency negotiation.

Education

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Juris Doctor with honors, 1994; Certificate in Maritime Law. Trial Advocacy fellow, 1993-1994

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Bachelor of Science with honors, Mathematics, 1988; **Bachelor of Arts**, Geography (Transport), 1979

Professional Memberships

Admitted to practice law before the US Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals of the Armed Forces, and all Courts in the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania.

Proctor member, Maritime Law Association of the United States.

Approved defense counsel, Merchant Officers Protective Syndicate.

2012 – 2013

Principal, *The Dalcher Law Office*, offering legal and consulting services in maritime, international, and governmental matters; established 2004. **Client matters include:**

- Transboundary contract drafting (partnering, subcontracting, acquisitions)
- Transnational employment issues / general counsel role supervising outside counsel
- Environmental liability matters in an international setting
- Transnational business strategic planning

2008 – 2012

Principal & Maritime Legal Advisor, *Good Harbor Consulting, LLC*. Key projects include:

- Wrote multi-modal surface transportation regulations (safety and security) for Abu Dhabi government
- Completed year-long project to recommend changes in maritime agency authorities across Abu Dhabi and UAE on behalf of the Court of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, including 400+ recommendations now pending implementation
- Member of a core team across a multi-year project to develop and implement a maritime strategy for Abu Dhabi to provide for a safe, secure, and sustainable maritime domain. (A major project on behalf of the Court of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, UAE). Accomplishments span strategic planning, legal reviews and recommendations, policy development, and creating interagency working groups. Served as liaison to the National Crisis & Emergency Management Authority and the Supreme Petroleum Council and as advisor to the Waterways Management and Emergency Preparedness & Response interagency groups. Conceived and co-led the Legal Working group.

Other UAE projects: HASC and KPIZ (details available on request). Duties included direct client meetings; selection and supervision of outside counsel; forming and chairing interagency committees; providing detailed critical reviews of the work product of external legal contractors.

2004 – 2008

Founder and principal, *The Dalcher Law Office*, offering legal and consulting services in maritime, international, and governmental matters; established 2004. **Client matters include:** Merchant Marine license defense, civil penalty defense, marine employment contracts, consultation regarding the International Maritime Organization, compliance training on pollution laws for a major oil company, vessel documentation facilitation, and environmental crimes.

2002 – 2003

Hearing Officer; Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (retired October 2003)

Adjudicating civil penalty cases brought by the Coast Guard: discretion to assess penalties or dismiss cases. Presided over hearings, issued final written decisions.

1998 – 2002

Associate Professor of Law, Department of Humanities, US Coast Guard Academy. Courses:

Maritime Law Enforcement, Constitutional Law, International Law.

Adjunct faculty, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI. Course: *Law of the Sea.*

1996 – 1998

Deputy US representative, International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee

Conceive, research & draft US positions; negotiate clearance within US government; negotiate with foreign counterparts to advance US shipping and liability policy goals. Member of US delegations to resulting diplomatic conference and to Major Maritime Powers meetings.

1994 – 1996

Staff Attorney, Maritime & International Law division, Coast Guard Headquarters

Primary USCG attorney for vessel documentation, hazardous materials transportation, container inspections, and port safety & security issues: advised client USCG divisions, briefed witnesses for Congressional hearings. Reviewed appeals of merchant mariners' license revocations and civil penalties; authored final Agency Action decisions (slip opinions) for signature of USCG Commandant.

Other experience

1980 - 1991: Commissioned in the US Coast Guard; held a variety of junior officer assignments. Qualified as a Marine Inspector, License Examiner, and Investigator at the Marine Inspection Office in New Orleans, LA; served as Resident Inspector, Avondale Shipyard, supervising other Coast Guard officers; prosecuted Suspension and Revocation cases against merchant mariners' licenses before an administrative law judge; and was competitively selected for law school through the Coast Guard.

Scholarly activity

Invited judge(written briefs), Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court competition (2013)

Invited speaker, *Leading from the Bottom*, at ASME Regional Student Conference, Khalifa University of Science & Technology, Abu Dhabi (2011)

Rapporteur & facilitator, professional education for Department of Homeland Security (2006)

Invited speaker, *Viewpoints on Maritime Disasters*, at US Average Adjusters meeting (2005)

Invited judge (oral argument), Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court competition (2005)

Rapporteur & facilitator, strategic studies, for Department of Homeland Security (2005)

Homeland Security Defense Education Consortium facilitator (2005)

Author, book review essay: Judge Shigeru Oda's *Fifty Years of the Law of the Sea*, 35 *J. of Maritime Law and Commerce* No. 3, p. 451 (July 2004)

Principal rapporteur and workgroup facilitator, *Charting a Course for Homeland Security Strategic Studies*, U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT (2004)

Invited workgroup facilitator, *Following the Commissions: Analysis & Implementation of the Ocean Commission & Pew Commission Reports*, Roger Williams University School of Law, Newport, RI (2004)

Invited speaker, *Panic and Power: The USA PATRIOT ACT*, at *The Values of Capitalism* conference, Las Vegas, NV, (2004)

Editor & contributing author, *Maritime Law Enforcement: Cases & Materials* (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Editions: McGraw-Hill (Primis), 1999 – 2001)

Author, "Coast Guard and Coastlines: Coast Guard alien migrant interdiction operations" (*Encyclopedia of American Immigration*, James Ciment, ed., M. E. Sharpe, Inc., 2001, V. 1 p. 315)

"International Law Perspectives" (Panel presentation on the 11 September attacks at U S Coast Guard Academy forum, October 2001)

"The Coast Guard as Maritime Enforcer" (CLE presentation delivered before Maritime Law Association and the NYC Bar, May 2001)

Invited workgroup facilitator, *Crossing the Bow: Identifying & Harmonizing Jurisdictional & Decision-Making Overlap in the U.S. MTS* (2002)

Workgroup participant, *National Model Port Workshop* (2001) and *Troubled Waters: Managing Competing Marine Interests in Western Long Island Sound* (1998)

Research interests include international environmental law, maritime law, marine security, marine policy and decision-making, and jurisprudence.

Miscellaneous

References available upon request. Dual national (US & UK). Basic French.