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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON
MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS)**

2021 FALL MEETING AND CLE AGENDA

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT
Boston, MA - Suffolk Law School (120 Tremont St.) (Hybrid: In-person and Remote)

Zoom Call-in Details:

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AGENDA

I.	10:00-10:05 am	Sean T. Pribyl Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight LLP Chair, Subcommittee on MASS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opening Remarks and Introductions
CLE PROGRAM 10:05-11:35 <u>Programming Focus:</u> Legal Issues with Vessel Autonomy; Navigation, Safety, and Security in an Increasingly Automated World		
II.		CDR Joel Coito, USCG Chief, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Maritime and International Law (LMI-P) <ul style="list-style-type: none">U.S. Coast Guard Regulatory MASS Updates; MASS Legal Compliance with COLREGS Prof. Martin Davies Admiralty Law Institute Professor of Maritime Law Tulane University Law School <ul style="list-style-type: none">Advanced Automation in Pilotage, Criminal Law/Piracy, and the <i>Mercer Street</i> drone attack



<p><u>Prof. Raul (Pete) Pedrozo, Captain, USN (Ret.)</u> Howard S. Levie Chair on the Law of Armed Conflict U.S. Naval War College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASS within the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Law of Armed Conflict 		
<p><u>Captain Jennifer Norwood</u> Associate Professor Marine Transportation Department, Women on the Water Faculty Advisor Maine Maritime Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Curriculum and Training in Advanced Autonomy for the Future Mariner 		
<p><u>Allison N. Skopec</u> Associate, Winston & Strawn LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unmanned Aerial Systems in the Maritime Sector and the Impact of Autonomy in the Emerging Opportunities in Offshore Wind 		
<p>CLE Q&A and Further Discussion Session</p>		
III.	11:35-11:55 am	<p>For those attending via virtual format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To submit written questions or suggestions: Use "Chat" function (available throughout the meeting) • To request to speak: Use "Reactions" tab at bottom and click "Raise Hand" (only available after presenters have concluded)
IV.	11:55 - 12:00 pm	<p>Closing Sean T. Pribyl, Chair</p>
V.	12:00 - 12:45 pm Federal Courthouse dock	<p>Sea Machines autonomous vessel demonstration in coordination with MLA Meeting Planning Committee</p>

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This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 1.5 hours of substantive law, practice, and procedure CLE credit and 0.0 hours of ethics, professionalism, or substance abuse CLE credit.

CLE BIOS



Sean T. Pribyl

Sean T. Pribyl, is Senior Counsel and business attorney in Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C. office. Sean focuses his practice on maritime regulatory compliance matters, international law and trade, advanced autonomy in transportation sectors (including autonomous vessels), offshore wind, marine claims, civil litigation, and alternative fuels. He has more than 25 years of combined experience in the transportation sector as a commercial marine operator, federal regulator, international maritime and trade attorney, active duty military attorney, federal prosecutor, and international protection and indemnity (P&I) club lawyer. Sean is a widely published author and regular speaker at international conferences and seminars on topics related to maritime law and advanced automation in the transportation sector, including as committee member for the NASEM Consensus Report *Leveraging Unmanned Systems for Coast Guard Missions*. He is a Senior Advisor to the World Maritime University-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute.

Prior to private practice, Sean served for six years as a U.S. Coast Guard officer and judge advocate ("JAG"). He also served for close to eight years as a merchant mariner deck officer aboard oceangoing cargo and fiber-optic cable ships before commissioning as a JAG.

Sean holds a M.A. degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, a J.D. from Washburn University School of Law, and a B.Sc. from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and is currently pursuing an LL.M. in International Business & Economic Law from Georgetown Law.



CDR Joel Coito, USCG

CDR Coito is Chief, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Maritime and International Law, Prevention Law Division (LMI-P). In that role, he provides legal support to the Coast Guard in the development of statutes, regulation, and international treaties relating to US and foreign flagged vessels and facilities for the safety of life, environmental protection, and security related matters. Prior assignments include Liaison Officer to the U.S. Department of State where he served as military detailee in the State Department office responsible for formulating and implementing U.S. policy on international issues concerning the oceans, the Arctic, and Antarctica; Judge Advocate Staff Attorney at USCG Pacific Area and Eleventh District Legal Offices; Diving Officer and Maritime Law Enforcement Team Leader while stationed in San Diego, CA; and, Deck Watch Officer on CG Cutter KUKUI in Honolulu, HI.

CDR Coito is the author of *Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships: New Possibilities—and Challenges—in Ocean Law and Policy* published by the U.S. Naval War College Stockton Center for International Law, among other publications.

CDR Coito graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He received a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, and a Master of Laws from Yale School of Law.



Prof. Martin Davies

Prof. Davies is an Admiralty Law Institute Professor of Maritime Law, Tulane University Law School. He is an international authority on admiralty law who has taught in Australia, England, Singapore and Italy as well as the United States. He joined the Tulane Law School faculty in 2000 after a visiting appointment in 1999. He previously taught at the University of Melbourne, Australia, where he was Harrison Moore Professor of Law. Davies, who has been a professional actor, also has worked as a consultant for maritime law firms for 30 years and is presently engaged by an international law firm with a maritime law practice in many countries. He serves on the Editorial Board of Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly and the Melbourne Journal of International Law. In addition to admiralty, he teaches in the areas of international sale of goods and torts. And he has written (or co-written) books on maritime law, international trade law, international sale of goods and torts. He received the Felix Frankfurter Distinguished Teaching Award from the Tulane Law School graduating class in 2003 and 2011. He was chosen for a Tulane University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2012. Most recently, and among his numerous other works, Prof. Davies co-authored the chapter on "Maritime uses of drones" in the book *Drone Law and Policy*.

Prof. Davies holds an MA from University of Oxford, an LLM from Harvard University, a BCL with first class honors from University of Oxford, and a BA with first class honors from University of Oxford.



Prof. Raul (Pete) Pedrozo, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Prof. Pedrozo, is the Howard S. Levie Chair on the Law of Armed Conflict and Professor of International Law in the Stockton Center for International Law at the U.S. Naval War College. He was a Peer Reviewer for the International Committee of the Red Cross Commentary of 2017 on the Convention (II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members Of the Armed Forces at Sea (1949) and is currently one of two U.S. representative to the International Group of Experts for the San Remo Manual on the Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea, produced by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. Prior to his retirement from the Navy he served as the senior legal advisor to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command and was a Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense. Among his numerous speaking engagements and publications, Prof. Pedrozo is co-author of the forthcoming, "Emerging Technology and the Law of the Sea."

Prof. Pedrozo earned a B.S. from Eastern Kentucky University, a J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law, and an LLM (International & Comparative Law), Georgetown University Law Center (Thomas J. Bradley Award for highest academic average in class).



Captain Jennifer Norwood

Captain Norwood is an Associate Professor in the Marine Transportation Department, Maine Maritime Academy, where she also serves as the Women on the Water Faculty Advisor. Captain Norwood has 15 years of experience in maritime operations, seagoing and offshore, including dynamic positioning, shipyard experience and new build start-up. She began her career offshore in 1999 with Global Marine, joining as a Ballast Control Operator aboard the moored semi-submersible GSF Arctic I and held the following positions: Master/Offshore Installation Manager, Chief Mate, Second Mate and Ballast Control Operator. Serving as Master and Offshore Installation Manager of both Dynamic Positioned Semi-submersible and Drillships. Captain Norwood has managed both the safety and regulatory aspects in her roles as Master/Offshore Installation Manager offshore and as a Director of Quality, Health, Safety and Environment ashore. In 2005, at the age of 31, she became the first female Master/Offshore Installation Manager for Global Marine taking command of the Dynamically Positioned Drillship GSF CR Luigs., retiring in 2012 as Master/Offshore Installation Manager. Prior to joining Maine Maritime Academy, she was doing Technical Writing consulting for the oil and gas industry.

Captain Norwood earned a B.S., Marine Transportation, from Texas A&M Maritime Academy, a M.S. in International Logistics Management from Maine Maritime Academy, and is currently pursuing a PhD in Leadership Studies from the University of Southern Maine. She holds a USCG Unlimited Oceans Master License.



Allison N. Skopec

Allison N. Skopec is a litigator who focuses her practice on intellectual property, maritime, international, and environmental law for clients worldwide. With regard to intellectual property, her practice involves litigation of complex copyright disputes and matters involving the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and its application to new media and technology issues; issues involving the Telecommunications Act and Cable Privacy Act; patent disputes in a variety of jurisdictions; and trademark disputes. With regard to maritime, international, and environmental law, her practice involves: commercial negotiations and dispute resolution involving charter parties, service contracts, and other transportation-related agreements, including those related to regulatory compliance counseling related to federal and state agencies. Allison also maintains an active pro bono practice, including representing individuals seeking immigration asylum and Violence Against Women Act protections, parole system reform, and environmental law matters.

Allison received her B.A. in environmental studies and studio art with a minor in art history from Trinity University, and her J.D. from Tulane University School of Law in 2018 with a specialization in maritime law. While attending Tulane, she was a judicial extern for the Honorable Helen G. Berrigan in the U.S. Eastern District Court of Louisiana, senior online editor of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal, and president of the Public Interest Law Foundation.