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## **CAPTAIN Bill Dwyer**

CAPT Dwyer is currently serving as the Chief of Maritime, International, and Environmental Law for the US Coast Guard. He oversees a team of legal advisors providing real time operational legal advice to support global operations. In this role, he also heads the US delegation to IMO for the Legal Committee. He previously served as the first USCG officer in the position of the Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel) for U.S. Southern Command in Doral Florida. In this role, he served as the principal legal advisor for the DoD's Geographic Combatant Commander.



Formerly, he served as a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Operations Law Attorney and the Chief of Legal Engagements for US Indo-Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii. In this role, he advised on a variety of operational issues involving the South China Sea and North Korea. He also led numerous legal engagements throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific to advance the Rule of Law. Prior to that, he served as the Seventeenth District SJA in Juneau, Alaska. His duties included advising on operations, maritime security, military justice, and international law for Coast Guard units in Alaska and the Arctic. Earlier, he served in the Office of Legal Counsel, US Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany. He provided operational legal advice on a variety of areas including piracy, maritime security, and targeting. Additionally, Captain Dwyer served as a legal advisor for Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya. He conducted legal engagements and training throughout the African Continent. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate in Alaska serving as a legal advisor for Arctic Shield amongst other response operations.

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