

Mr. John Crowley graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy with a BS in 1975, the American University Washington College of Law with a JD in 1983, and completed the year long MIT Seminar XXI Class of 2000 on US national security and foreign policy making. He is member of the BAR before the Minnesota State Supreme Court and the US Supreme Court. He was an active member of the Corporate Counsel BAR in Virginia from 2008-2014.



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Mr. Crowley served and retired as a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard after active service for 33 years. He served in both senior operational and legal positions as well as in five Cutters, twice in Command. His last assignment was as the Ninth District Commander responsible for maintaining maritime security throughout the Great Lakes, extensively coordinating with state and federal organizations as well as Transport Canada.

Prior to his command of the Ninth District, he was the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel for the Coast Guard. He was responsible for the proper provision of all legal services throughout the Coast Guard. Initial MTSA regulations were finalized while under his legal oversight as the Judge Advocate General. He also testified in favor of accession to the Law of the Sea Treaty before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. His other legal assignments included:

- Prior to law school as the Administrative Officer for the Secretary's Representative to the Law of the Sea conference.
- Staff attorney for the Seventh Coast Guard District supporting maritime drug enforcement, government contracts, civilian personnel and as counsel for Courts-Martial and Administrative Boards.
- Litigation support to the Department of Justice's Admiralty division assigned to CG matters.
- Criminal Law instructor, Operational Law instructor, then Academic Director at the Naval Justice School, also co-designer and initial instructor for international programs later becoming the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (DIILS)
- Executive Assistant to the Chief Counsel and Programing, Budget, and Personnel Division Chief.

After retirement from the Coast Guard, Mr. Crowley served as Senior Vice President, Law and Regulatory Affairs for APM Terminals North America Inc. between July of 2008 and March of 2014. He brought the innovated use of business leases to address the economic challenges of the times. At APM Terminals he also served in leadership roles for safety, security and environmental matters at facilities across North, Central and South America. His work exposed him to global port security challenges. Included facilities ranged from among the most sophisticated located in Virginia to older facilities – all required to meet global security standards.

In March of 2014 Mr. Crowley was appointed Executive Director for the National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE) in March 2014 and President in 2017. NAWE serves as the voice of the marine terminal and stevedore industry. NAWE promotes marine cargo efficiency, security and safety, a clean environment, international trade, and economic growth and does so through advocacy, education, and industry cooperation. Over the course of his term he has been a lecturer on port and terminal security matters with particular focus on private sector innovative container scanning technology and industry-wide discussion on growing cyber security concerns. The Association includes a member-based committee focused on facility security and meeting monthly by conference call. He draws upon strategic concepts of unity of effort and layered security in his leadership efforts. He also serves as the Executive Director of the National Maritime Safety Association (NMSA). He is currently a member and the Chair of the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee.

As an adjunct to his duties with NAWE he has privately lectured on operating maritime ports safely and securely and provided policy advice on maritime safety.

Mr. Crowley is a resident of Suffolk, Virginia. He is married with four grown children.