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**EDUCATION**

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, B.S. 1965

Rutgers University School of Law, J.D. 1981

**EXPERIENCE**

- Maritime Lawyer (specializing in ship casualty litigation)
- Marine Salvage (including service as Salvage Master)
- Sea Experience (all Deck Officer ratings, including Master)
- Shipping Company Ashore (including Operations Manager)
- Ship Casualty Response and Investigation
- Marine Oil Spill, Chemical Spill and other Environmental Response
- Marine Consulting/Surveying/ Expert witness
- Maritime Arbitrator
- Other (ocean engineering, towing, commercial diving, government contracting)

**BACKGROUND**

Special Training: U.S. Navy Underwater Swim School, 1969; U.S. Navy Deep Sea Diving School, 1969; U.S. Navy Salvage School, 1969 (Engineering Duty Officer Program)

Seagoing: Break bulk/passenger/container/ro-ro/salvage vessels

U.S. Masters License: Oceans Unlimited - Through Issue 7-10: First held command at sea in 1970

Marine Salvage: Served on-scene on more than 100 separate salvage operations, many as Salvage Master: including ship fires, sinkings, strandings, collisions and harbor clearance operations, Operations Manager of Murphy Pacific Marine Salvage Co. and Vice President of Marine Salvage Consultants, Inc.

Maritime Attorney: 1981 to 2009, served with Haight Gardner Poor & Havens and Holland & Knight LLP specializing in response to maritime and environmental casualties on a worldwide basis, and following up by handling the ensuing litigation in the appropriate courts, sometimes assisting foreign lawyers presenting ship collision, salvage, and other maritime casualty matters before their courts. Listed in the various editions of "The Best Lawyers in America", "Chambers U.S.A.", "Chambers Global" and "New York Super Lawyers".

Lectures/Papers: Lectured to industry groups and military units on marine salvage and harbor clearance work. Delivered papers on ocean and coastal towing, marine salvage, ship casualties, the 1989 Salvage Convention, the Lloyd's Standard Form of Salvage Agreement and SCOPIIC, the U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Liability Salvage, Salvage Posture in the United States, U.S. Coast Guard Involvement in Salvage, Offshore Environmental Challenges, Treasure Salvage, Salvage Contracting in the United States, the Effect of Environmental Pollution Concerns on Salvage Operations, Responder Immunity for Salvors, Risk of Environmental Criminal Liability, Maritime Security, Salvage Issues Relating to LNG Vessels, and the Risks of Unintended Consequences Resulting From Well-Meaning Treaties..

Memberships: Past National Chairman of the USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation; Proctor in Admiralty, past Director of the Maritime Law Association, and past Chairman of the Salvage Law Committee; member of the Council of American Master Mariners, Propeller Club, The Navy League, Connecticut Maritime Association, Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey, American Bar Association, The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and legal counsel to The Marine Society of New York City and the American Salvage Association.

