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## **MARINE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION**

# **Commander Jeff Bray**

## **Marine Board of Investigation Legal Advisor**

### **U.S. Coast Guard**

Commander Jeff Bray currently serves as the Chief, Prevention Law Division in the Coast Guard Headquarters office of Maritime and International Law (CG-LMI-P). He is responsible for providing legal advice to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy. Cmdr. Bray is also the Coast Guard liaison to the DEEPWATER HORIZON Department of Justice Criminal Investigation Team; he has served in this capacity since September 2011.

Prior to this assignment, Cmdr. Bray served in the Office of General Law at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC from May 2012 to May 2015. As a staff attorney and team lead for the Administrative Law division, he provided legal advice on a wide variety of topics including military personnel law, fiscal law, ethics and administrative law to multiple headquarters clients including the Commandant and Vice-Commandant and their staffs. Cmdr. Bray served in the Office of Legislation from June 2011 to June 2012. He served as the Coast Guard attorney to the joint MMS-USCG Marine Board of Investigation established to investigate the explosion, fire, sinking and loss of 11 lives that occurred onboard the MODU DEEPWATER HORIZON in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010, he served in this role from April 2010 through the release of the Commandant's Final Action Memo in September 2011. Cmdr. Bray also served in the Office of Environmental and Real Property Law from June 2007 to April 2010, in the Office of Claims and Litigation from June 2005 to April 2007, and in the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law from September 2003 to April 2005.

Cmdr. Bray graduated Cum Laude from Brooklyn Law School in June 2003, and earned his undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the State of New York in February 1997. Cmdr. Bray was commissioned in the Coast Guard in August 2003 through the Direct Commission Lawyer program.

Cmdr. Bray entered the Coast Guard through Cape May, New Jersey in October 1992, his first assignment as a non-rate was aboard the USCGC ANVIL, then home-ported in Corpus Christi, Texas. CDR Bray graduated from Marine Science Technician A-school at Training Center Yorktown in March 1995, and was stationed as an MST at Group New York on Governor's Island, New York in the Pollution Response Office from April 1995 to April 1997, then at Sector New York on Staten Island, New York in the Marine Response Division from May 1997 to July 2003. He was an MST1 when he was selected for the DCL program.

Cmdr. Bray's personal awards include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the 9-11 Medal, two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, and three Good Conduct Awards.