



Hon. Michael J. Devine

U.S. Administrative Law Judge
Baltimore, Maryland
United States Coast Guard



Judge Devine has served in his current position as a Coast Guard Administrative Law Judge since August 2007. He hears and decides Merchant Mariner Credential suspension and revocation cases as well as cases initiated by the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies the Coast Guard supports.

Previous Judicial appointments include Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in San Antonio, Texas. Judge Devine was appointed as a military judge in 1994 and served as the Chief Trial Judge of the Coast Guard from 2000 to 2002.

Judge Devine's legal practice includes service in a variety of positions involving litigation, including Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice (Aviation and Admiralty Section); Assistant District Legal Officer and Trial Counsel for Courts-Martial; Appellate Counsel; Senior Attorney Coast Guard Office of Claims and Litigation; Chief Office of Military Justice; Chief Office of General Law and Chief Trial Judge.

Before serving as an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration, Judge Devine was one of the original members of the Transportation Security Administration's Office of Chief Counsel in 2002. His duties included working on criminal enforcement issues with TSA law enforcement officers, and international law matters relating to admiralty including serving as a member of the United States delegation to the International Maritime Organization to amend the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA).

Judge Devine is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy and a 1985 graduate of the Western New England College School of Law (Cum Laude). Prior to attending law school Judge Devine served as a deck watch officer in Coast Guard and Navy ships.

In addition to the bars of Massachusetts and Maryland, Judge Devine is admitted to the United States Supreme Court; the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th, and 11th Circuits; and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.