

# Brian P. Hill

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## **Work Experience:**

**U.S. Maritime Administration**  
8701 South Gessner Rd  
Suite 1235  
Houston, TX 77074 United States

**09/2011 - Present**

**Western Gulf Gateway Director**

### **Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:**

Areas of responsibility includes all the ports, waterways, and intermodal connections and corridors in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico. In this position, I work with the local Texas and Oklahoma ports and other maritime intermodal industries and responsible agencies to improve and strengthen the U.S. marine transportation system. Duties include developing and designating projects in Western Gulf port areas that will help promote overall economic growth, mitigate highway and port congestion, protect the environment, ensure safety and security, and support local and federal emergency preparedness and response.

Areas of emphasis in this position include supporting national security by ensuring that Strategic Ports in Texas remain prepared to handle military cargo movements. I also emphasize the America's Marine Highway Initiative, the local development of LNG deepwater ports, the increased development of port infrastructure, workforce development (promoting opportunities for American shipbuilding and employment) and supporting the local passenger and cruise industry.

Also acts as the local point of contact for the Department of Transportation and MARAD review teams, concerning application processes for federal grants and loans. A member of the Coast Guard Area Maritime Security Committees (AMSC) in Houston, Corpus Christi, Port Arthur and Oklahoma, and the Joint Coast Guard and Army Port Readiness Committees (PRC) in Port Arthur/Beaumont and Corpus Christi.

Also an experienced maritime law and Coast Guard attorney.

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**U.S. Coast Guard**

Coast Guard Eleventh District (DRE)

Coast Guard Island

Alameda, CA 94601 United States

**10/2002 - 09/2011**

**Commander (O5) - Chief of Port Security****Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:**

My most recent position prior to joining MARAD in September 2011 was with the U.S. Coast Guard from 2002 to 2011.

From 2006 to 2011, I was assigned as the Chief of the Eleventh Coast Guard District's Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security Section in Alameda, CA. In this position, I oversaw overall port safety and security in all ports in California, including Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, and Oakland. I worked closely with all the ports, port facilities, industry, and vessels to ensure compliance with security regulations. My duties included ensuring waterside security protection for military outload vessels loading equipment in California ports in support of the war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. I also worked with the anti-terrorism office at headquarters, addressing such issues and small vessel threats, piracy, compliance with safety and security regulations, and risk management.

From 2002 to 2006 I was the Assistant Chief of the Seventh Coast Guard District Port Security Section in Miami, FL. I oversaw port security issues for all ports in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and the Caribbean.

In both positions and while a lawyer with the Coast Guard in Miami, I acted as an Ethics officer for the unit. Specifically during my time as a lawyer at the District Seven Legal Office in Miami, I was assigned as the Ethics Legal Officer for the District, and my duties included Equal Employment issues.

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**Fowler White Law Firm**

Miami, FL United States

**05/2000 - 10/2002**

**Maritime Law Attorney****Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:**

Maritime law litigation attorney for the large law firm of Fowler White in Miami. Represented shipping company and ports in federal and state courts. Handled many ship pollution, injured crewmen, Coast Guard regulations, ship construction, and cruise industry issues. During this time I became one of only 56 attorneys in Florida that is Board Certified by the Florida Bar as a Specialist in Admiralty and Maritime Law, and I served on Florida's Admiralty Law Committee. I am still a member of the U.S. Maritime Law Association and the Southeast Admiralty Law Institute. After a few years with this law firm, in 2002 I returned to active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard until my recent retirement as a Commander (O5).

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**U.S. Coast Guard**  
Miami, FL United States

**07/1996 - 05/2000**

**Military Attorney (JAG)**

**Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:**

Military attorney (JAG) with the U.S. Coast Guard Legal Office in Miami, FL. Handled litigation for the U.S. Coast Guard in federal and state courts, prosecuted several court martials, pursued regulatory fines for company violating the clean water act or oil pollution statutes. Provided legal advice for stopping and boarding drug carrying or illegal immigrant smuggling vessels.

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**Education:**

**U.S. Naval Postgraduate School** Monterey, CA United States

Master's Degree 03/2009

**GPA:** 3.9 of a maximum 4.0

**Credits Earned:** 32 Semester hours

**Major:** Security Studies - Homeland Defense and Security **Honors:** Cum Laude

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**St. Thomas University School of Law** Miami, FL United States

Professional 12/1995

**GPA:** 3.25 of a maximum 4.0

**Credits Earned:** 90 Semester hours

**Major:** Law - Juris Doctor Degree **Honors:** Cum Laude

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**Florida International University** Miami, FL United States

Bachelor's Degree 08/1988

**GPA:** 3.1 of a maximum 4.0

**Major:** Government - Political Science

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**Job Related  
Training:**

Experienced Maritime Industry and Maritime Law Professional

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**Affiliations:**

U.S. Maritime Law Association - Member

Florida Bar - Attorney

Southeast Admiralty Law Institute - Members

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association - Member

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**Professional  
Publications:**

Thesis: Naval Postgraduate School (2009) "Maritime Terrorism and the Small Boat Threat to the United States: A Proposed Response"

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