



Hon. Dean C. Metry

U.S. Administrative Law Judge
Galveston, Texas

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard



Judge Dean C. Metry serves as a Coast Guard Administrative Law Judge in Galveston, Texas. Judge Metry accepted this position in 2009. He hears and decides Merchant Mariner Credential suspension and revocation cases, as well as other cases initiated by the Department of Homeland Security and other agency hearings as assigned by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Judge Metry began his career as an Administrative Law Judge in October, 2001, with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Throughout his tenure with SSA, Judge Metry held progressively more responsible positions including Hearing Office Chief Administrative Law Judge for various offices and, at one time, for two offices simultaneously. Judge Metry was the Lead Administrative Law Judge for the National Hearing Center, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review for the Social Security Administration in Falls Church, Virginia, where he had oversight for 10 judges and approximately 80 staff.

Prior to his assignment as Lead Administrative Law Judge, Judge Metry was a Supervisory Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals in Miami, Florida. In that capacity, he was responsible for conducting hearings and deciding *de novo* disputes over medical payments for Medicare beneficiaries, providers and suppliers, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Judge Metry was one of the first judges selected when the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals was initially created. As one of the founding judges in the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Judge Metry heard and decided the first Medicare disputes in the country for the newly formed organization. In recognition of his abilities, Judge Metry was asked to serve as the first Acting Managing Administrative Law Judge for the Midwestern Regional Hearing Office for Medicare Hearings and Appeals. The Midwestern Regional Hearing Office had jurisdiction over 16 states, and Judge Metry managed 15 judges and over 150 federal and nonfederal employees.

Judge Metry is an honors graduate from both Central Michigan University and Wayne State University Law School. Judge Metry also served in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps from which he was honorably discharged in 1984. Prior to becoming a Judge, he worked in private practice for approximately 20 years where he specialized in litigation. During this time, he served as lead counsel on thousands of cases, including criminal defense and maritime disputes. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and maintains multiple affiliations with professional and social organizations, including the Arab-American Bar Association, the Macomb County Bar Association, and is a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International. Judge Metry is conversant in both Spanish and Arabic.