



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL O. WALKER

Lieutenant Michael O. Walker currently serves as a Judge Advocate and Staff Attorney for the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio. He is primarily responsible for providing legal advice to Coast Guard Sectors Detroit and Saulte Ste. Marie, Air Station Detroit, Air Station Traverse City and their subordinate units as well as CGC's BRISTOL BAY, HOLLYHOCK, and BUCKTHORN. He is also primary legal advisor to the Ninth District Prevention Staff and is the Legal Office's Intern Coordinator. He contributes to providing legal services to over 2,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel and provides advice in support of missions in D9.



Prior to this assignment, LT Walker served as a Staff Attorney for the Coast Guard Legal Service Command in Norfolk, Virginia from 2009 – 2013 in its Military Justice and Command Advice and Procurement and Fiscal Law Divisions. He also spent one year matrixed to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for Commander Coast Guard Atlantic Area. LT Walker deployed in May 2010 to the DEEPWATER HORIZON response on the legal staff for the Unified Area Commander and as Legal Advisor for Incident Command Post Mobile, Alabama. LT Walker is active in the Judge Advocate's Association and the American Bar Association (ABA). He served as the Coast Guard Liaison to the ABA's Young Lawyers Division (YLD), and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Membership Board and Military Law Committee for the ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division and as YLD Liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security.

LT Walker graduated from the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in Agriculture, M.P.A. and J.D. He served as Symposium Editor for the Kentucky Law Journal. He is a member of the Kentucky, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and U.S. Supreme Court Bar. He joined the Coast Guard as a Direct Commission Lawyer in July 2009 after a five-year career in private practice in areas including admiralty and maritime law, business and general civil litigation, and family law.

Individual military awards include the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2) and Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

LT Walker resides in Cleveland, Ohio, with his son Andrew. His hobbies include reading, outdoor activities, and rifle and pistol shooting.