



Hon. Brian J. Curley

U.S. Administrative Law Judge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard



Judge Brian J. Curley was appointed a United States Coast Guard Administrative Law Judge by the Secretary of Homeland Security in 2018. Judge Curley hears and decides merchant mariner credential suspension and revocation (S&R) cases, as well as other cases initiated by the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies as assigned by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Assigned to the 8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA, Judge Curley's jurisdiction spans 26 states, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Mexico, the adjacent offshore waters, and the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River Systems.

In 2013, Judge Curley was appointed as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Paducah KY, primarily hearing and deciding cases for individuals seeking disability benefits. In 2014, he transferred to Lawrence, MA where he remained until his current appointment.

He was in private practice specializing in litigation from 2000 to 2004 and transitioned to government law in 2004 practicing as a general attorney and senior attorney advisor for the Social Security Administration. Prior to his legal career, Judge Curley served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1987 followed by a 15-year career with Delta Airlines.

Judge Curley is a graduate of Southern New England School of Law and is admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, First Circuit, and First Circuit Court of Appeals. He earned an AAS with high honors from Wentworth Institute of Technology and graduated magna cum laude with a BSBA from Eastern Nazarene College.

Professional affiliations include being a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, and the Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference. Judge Curley also holds a FAA Part 65 airman certificate.