

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



The Commandant

IN RECOGNITION *of notable services that have greatly contributed to the advancement of the missions and goals of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the*

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

to

Mr. David J. Farrell, Jr.

Executed this 6th day of May 2022

at Washington, DC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karl L. Schultz".

Karl L. Schultz
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

Distinguished Public Service Award

To

David J. Farrell, Jr.
President
The Maritime Law Association of the United States

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes great pleasure in presenting the Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award to Mr. David J. Farrell, Jr., President of the Maritime Law Association (MLA) of the United States. Throughout a two-year tenure as MLA President, Mr. Farrell's leadership and advocacy enabled numerous professional exchanges between the MLA and the Coast Guard. Mr. Farrell championed Coast Guard participation in the MLA's annual fall and spring meetings, ensuring Coast Guard perspectives and analysis were presented to maritime stakeholders from government, academia, and the private sector. Mr. Farrell promoted cooperation between government and maritime industry leaders, encouraged the adoption of international maritime norms, and fostered a spirit of collaborative, constructive engagement among a wide range of maritime practitioners. Mr. Farrell spearheaded three capstone maritime law and policy events, creating key forums for dialogue between Coast Guard attorneys and their civilian counterparts, as well as other federal agency counsel who operate in the maritime domain. These events provided valuable perspective on the most consequential issues in maritime law and policy, including offshore renewable energy, autonomous vessel technology, and the protection of seafarers. Further, while serving as President, Mr. Farrell personally advocated for the ratification of international treaties aimed at improving maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship. Mr. Farrell's distinguished accomplishments, leadership, and personal commitment to safe and secure oceans throughout his tenure as MLA President are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.