



REAR ADMIRAL JOHN CROWLEY, USCG (Ret)

**Executive Director
United States Great Lakes Shipping Association**

Mr. John Crowley is a maritime law and policy professional. Mr. Crowley served and retired as a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2008 after 33 years of active service. He served in both senior operational and legal positions as well as in five Cutters, twice in Command. His last assignment was as the Ninth District Commander responsible for maintaining maritime safety, security and environmental protection throughout the Great Lakes, extensively coordinating with state, federal and international organizations. He earlier served as the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel to the Commandant. His intergovernmental experience and leadership were reflected in service while detached to the Office of Management and Budget for the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security and as the first Flag Officer maritime advisor to the newly designated Secretary. He served as coordinator for the interdepartmental Task Force on US Coast Guard Roles and Missions that was the precursor to the Coast Guard's Deepwater Acquisition program providing for recapitalization of cutters, aircraft and C4ISR for the 21st Century.

Mr. Crowley was appointed Executive Director for the United States Great Lakes Shipping Association (USGLSA) in January 2021. USGLSA serves as the voice of the shipping agents who represent a vessel's Owner or Operator at each U.S. port-of-call and take care of the needs of that vessel and its crew while in port. Commonly, the vessel has just sailed from a foreign port and has numerous governmental regulatory requirements which must be met. He supports the agents who must have a working and current knowledge of each requirement. A vessel agent can help with any vessel operation and need – whether commercial or private, international or domestic – while in the port(s) they cover. Mr. Crowley also serves on the Standing Review Board for NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and the Defense Advisory Board for Saildrone, Inc. which produces autonomous vessels. He is a Senior Mentor for the annual Maritime Risk Symposium. Previously he served as Member and Chair of the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee, President of the National Association of Waterfront Employers, Executive Director of the National Maritime Safety Association and Senior Vice President, Law and Regulatory Affairs for APM Terminals North

America Inc. At APM Terminals he also served in leadership roles for safety, security and environmental matters at facilities across North, Central and South America. He is particularly proud to have served on the Board of Trustees of Saint Thomas Academy where he attended High School and returning as the Interim Headmaster in 2019-2020

Mr. Crowley graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the Washington College of Law, and MIT's Seminar XXI. He is a resident of Athens, Alabama and is married with four grown children