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LCDR Rodriguez was born in Mexico City, Mexico, and moved to Alabama at the age of six. She attended Newcomb College of Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Environmental Studies. She attended Tulane Law School graduating in 2000 with a specialization in Environmental Law; she is licensed to practice law in the State of New York. After completing Coast Guard Direct Commission Officer Training in September of 2001, she was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Environmental Law in Washington, DC. In 2003 she was assigned to the Office of Maritime and International Law in Coast Guard Headquarters where she was assigned as a member of the U.S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization Legal Committee. From 2003-2005 she was also a White House Social Aide in the Bush administration. In 2005 she transferred to Coast Guard Sector New York where she earned qualifications as a Small Passenger Vessel Inspector and Marine Casualty Investigator. She returned to Washington, DC, in 2008 and is currently assigned as the Coast Guard Direct Commission Lawyer Program Manager and works as a White House Social Aide in the Obama Administration. She is the Vice President of the DC Hidalgo Chapter of the Association of Naval Service Officers.