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## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

### **CAPT Michelle Bas**

CAPT Michelle Bas serves as the Chief of Prevention for Seventeenth Coast Guard District (D17) responsible for Coast Guard missions from Southeast Alaska, out the Aleutian Island chain and up through the Arctic Circle. In this capacity, she advises on maritime safety and security policy decisions to ensure a stable, rules-based Maritime Transportation System for all users. She leads a team committed to collaboration with tribal, local, inter-agency and international partners to ensure boating safety and regulatory compliance throughout the region.



CAPT Bas joined the Coast Guard in 1999 as a Direct Commission Lawyer. Since then, she has been called upon to serve in and out of specialty. Prior to joining the D17 team she served as the Executive Assistant to the USCG CFO responsible for \$13 billion, missionizing financial and resource management activities into mission support and operations. As Staff Judge Advocate for D11 she led efforts to thwart Transnational Criminal Organizations trafficking through the waters of the Eastern Pacific, an area the size of the contiguous United States. Additionally, CAPT Bas served as the Executive Officer of Base Alameda where she met the daily mission support needs of over 2,400 military members and their families.

CAPT Bas had the distinct privilege to serve as the Legal Engagements Chief at U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany, where her team advanced AFRICOM Strategy with international partners by advising, designing, and testing sustainable legal capacity building activities. These Rule of Law & security initiatives focused on measurable and repeatable regional collaborative exercises and training with partner nations throughout Africa.

Making mission possible by investing in our people, CAPT Bas serves as a D&I Change Agent, Victim Advocate, CISM and ASIST Peer. Whether responding to crisis or providing training, she fosters belonging by dispelling stigmas associated with sexual assault and mental health to better prepare Coast Guard leaders of tomorrow. She has earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and national awards from FEW, ANSO and Image.

CAPT Bas earned a BA from UCLA, a JD from Albany School of Law and is admitted to practice law in the state of New Jersey and before the U.S. Supreme Court. She is a founding member of CG WORLD (now WLI), a lifetime member of ANSO, and an active member in NNOA and SSLA.

Most importantly, CAPT Bas is blessed with three beautiful sons who teach her something new every day.

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