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CAPT Michelle Bas serves as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard. In this capacity, she aids in all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard. As a component of the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard is comprised of a nearly 60,000 member active duty, reserve and civil servant workforce with an annual budget of \$11 billion.

CAPT Bas joined the Coast Guard in 1999 as a Direct Commission Lawyer and has worked in and out of specialty throughout her career. Prior to joining the Resource team, CAPT Bas led the Eleventh District's Legal Office in efforts to thwart maritime drug trafficking in the Eastern Pacific, an area the size of the contiguous United States. Her team safeguarded the public, commerce and natural resources by enforcing safety, security and environmental regulations from Eureka to San Diego. CAPT Bas also served as the Executive Officer of Base Alameda where she was responsible for meeting the daily mission support needs of over 2,400 Bay Area families.

CAPT Bas had the distinct privilege to serve as the Legal Engagements Chief at U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, where she led Rule of Law initiatives. Her team advanced U.S. Africa Command Theater Strategy in collaboration with international partners by advising, designing, and testing sustained legal capacity building activities, including exercises, and training with partner Military Legal Advisors throughout Africa. These initiatives focused on regional collaboration and promoted repeatable, measurable outcomes.

Early in her career, she assisted the Department of Justice oil spill litigation; advised Commanders on operational law; prosecuted General, Special and Summary courts-martial and provided legal assistance to members and their dependents. CAPT Bas is a trained Victim Advocate, CISM and ASIST Peer working to eradicate the stigma associated with sexual assault and mental health challenges to better prepare Coast Guard leaders of tomorrow.

CAPT Bas earned a BA from UCLA, a JD from Albany School of Law, and has participated in Strategic Studies and Leadership seminars through NPS and CHDS. She is a founding member of CG WORLD (now WLI), a lifetime member of ANSO, an active member of NNOA. She is admitted to practice law in the state of New Jersey and before the U.S. Supreme Court. CAPT Bas is blessed with three beautiful boys who teach her something new every day.