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NORFOLK, VA – Steven M. Stancliff, a partner with the law firm of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, P.L.C. has been named chair of the firm’s Admiralty & Maritime Practice Group effective November 1, 2014.

Mr. Stancliff joined the firm in 2007 following a distinguished career in the United States Coast Guard, retiring at the rank of Commander. He is admitted in Virginia, North Carolina and Ohio, and is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell. He is recognized as a proctor in admiralty by the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He is a member of the Virginia Maritime Association, the Propeller Club, and the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute where he has served on the Board of Directors, the Editorial Board, and as the Chairman of its Long Range Planning Committee. Mr. Stancliff received his Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island, and a B.S. in Marine Engineering from the United States Coast Guard Academy.

“Steve’s background and expertise make him ideally qualified to head up the firm’s Admiralty & Maritime Practice Group,” said Jim Chapman, chair of the firm’s Litigation Department. Jim led the Admiralty & Maritime Practice Group for the past decade, and will continue as chair of the firm’s Railroad/Transportation and Subrogation Practice Groups. “Steve will continue to expand the admiralty and maritime legal services offered by the firm,” said Chapman.

Mr. Stancliff concentrates his practice in serving the domestic and international maritime industry, primarily by handling and resolving disputes in federal and state courts.

Crenshaw, Ware & Martin’s Admiralty & Maritime Law practice received the Tier 1 Metropolitan Ranking in the 2014 and 2015 listing of "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News and Best Lawyers. The firm is a multi-disciplined business law firm that represents clients ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies and government agencies.