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As Senior Vice President of Technical and Regulatory Affairs for the non-profit Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), Bud Darr is responsible for the cruise industry's interests in shipboard operations, safety, security, environmental stewardship, emergency response planning and exercises, medical facilities, public health matters both in the U.S. and internationally. He also coordinates and represents the industry with regard to regulatory and legislative matters. Mr. Darr left the United States Coast Guard in September 2010 after 17 years of service in a variety of roles, both military and civilian. He represented the United States as a delegate to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the Assembly, Committee, Sub-Committee, and Working Group levels, and served in capacities as head of delegation, advisor, and elected Chairman. During his notable career, Mr. Darr was also an enlisted submarine nuclear propulsion supervisor in the US Navy from 1983-1989, after which he enrolled at the US Merchant Marine Academy, where he graduated with honors in the Marine Transportation program and received his Merchant Marine License as a Deck Officer. Mr. Darr is also licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a graduate with high honors of the George Washington University Law School. CLIA is the world's largest cruise industry trade association with representation in North and South America, Europe, Asia

and Australasia. CLIA represents the interests of cruise lines, travel agents, port authorities and destinations, and various industry business partners before regulatory and legislative policy makers. CLIA is also engaged in travel agent training, research and marketing communications to promote the value and desirability of cruise holiday vacations with thousands of travel agency and travel agent members. CLIA's Associate Member and Executive Partner program includes the industry's leading providers of supplies and services that help cruise lines provide a safe, environmentally-friendly and enjoyable holiday vacation experience for millions of passengers every year.

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