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# Steven A. Candito President & CEO

A seasoned business leader with extensive management and legal experience. Led NRC's growth from inception both organically and via acquisition to be a leading domestic oil spill response organization and international environmental services firm with over \$250M in revenue and 1,000 employees.

# Responsibilities

### **Education**

- Provides strategic leadership for Foresea while working with the Board to establish long-range goals, strategies and policies.
- Creates, and implements Foresea's vision, mission, and overall direction as well as plan, develop, organize, implement, direct and evaluate Foresea's fiscal function and performance.
- Hofstra University School of Law, JD with distinction. Admitted in New York, and U.S. Federal Courts (Southern and Eastern Districts of New York). Law Review
- United States Merchant Marine Academy, Bachelor of Science with honors, Marine Engineering. U.S. Coast Guard License: Second Assistant Engineer. Lieutenant U.S. Naval Reserve (Ret.)

# **Professional Experience:**

#### 2015 to Present: Foresea

President & CEO

Founded Forsea to provide needed management, regulatory, and crisis expertise to the maritime and environmental communities where the myriad of existing consultants was inefficient and not cost effective. Recognized expert on marine oil spills.

# 1999 to 2015: National Response Corporation

President & CEO

NRC is the leading commercial oil spill response organization in the US as well as a prominent domestic and international environmental services firm. Extensive experience with OPA 90 compliance issues with particular focus on legal and insurance matters. Led NRC response to virtually all major US oils spills over the last 20 years including the Deepwater Horizon response. Extensively quoted on admiralty law and

environmental issues in the Journal of Commerce, Oil Spill Intelligence Report, Marine News, MSNBC, CBC and other news outlets.

### 1993-1999: National Response Corporation

Vice President Client Services & General Counsel

From the company's inception, produced and managed NRC's client accounts with total revenue over \$10M. Managed an in-house legal department while specializing in environmental regulatory issues. Leader of the senior management team responsible for participating with federal and state regulators.

# 1985 to 1993: Haight, Gardner, Poor & Havens

Attorney concentrating in maritime litigation, commercial contracts and environmental law with Haight Gardner, an international law firm specializing in maritime transportation. Supervised other legal personnel while managing complex litigation and concurrently served on the firm's marketing and rapid response teams. Managed the early critical phases of a major oil spill response. Won the confidence of the U.S. Coast Guard, which avoided federalization of the operations with consequent cost increase. Traveled globally to investigate vessel casualties and manage emergency responses.

#### 1980 to 1985: Exxon USA

Second Engineer

Marine Engineer supervising ship operations, including shipyard construction and repair. Worked closely with refinery and shipyard personnel, while directing operations and maintenance of vessel machinery. Saved tens of millions of dollars in vessel equity and cargo and prevented the loss of 30 lives by personally securing a fuel source quelling a boiler room fire. Supervised a multi-million dollar vessel conversion project to modify existing oil tankers to moor and receive cargo from a specialized offshore oil platform.

# **Board Memberships and Professional Associations**

- JFL-NRC Holdings and previously Seacor Environmental Services and various affiliates.
- Spill Control Association of America (SCAA). SCAA is the US trade association for the oil spill response industry. Past President
- American Bar Association, Maritime Law Association and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.