

Chris James has over 30 years of experience in environmental response, disaster recovery, and maritime safety and security. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, he served in both operational and training roles, helping implement key regulations such as the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and supporting OPA90 emergency response efforts nationwide. Through his role as Witt O'Brien's, Chris provides strategic leadership on complex incidents, most recently playing a key role in the Key Bridge Response in Baltimore. His career includes major events such as Deepwater Horizon, Hurricanes Katrina, Maria, and Michael, and the M/V Ever Forward salvage. He is recognized for bridging regulatory expertise with hands-on operational experience in high-impact maritime and environmental incidents.

