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Based in Washington, D.C., and Jacksonville, Florida, Mike Roberts is a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute and a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Navy League’s Center for Maritime Strategy. His work is focused on the national and economic security concerns raised by China’s growing dominance of the commercial maritime industry. Prior to 2022, Roberts held legal and executive roles with Crowley Maritime Corp. for thirty years, both in-house and as outside counsel. He was a member of Crowley’s Senior Leadership team for thirteen years as General Counsel and SVP-Government Relations. In 2020-2021 Roberts also served as Chairman and President of the American Maritime Partnership (AMP), a broad coalition representing America’s domestic maritime industry. Roberts is an industry leader on maritime legal and policy issues, including the Jones Act, competition laws, workforce development, and other matters. Roberts testified several times before Congress, published numerous articles, hosted podcasts and presented at many industry and media events. As General Counsel Roberts handled the legal, government relations and insurance affairs of the company. He played leadership roles in expanding the company’s government contracting work, developing an insurance line of business and founding the Crowley Cares charitable foundation. Roberts’s key priority for AMP was to raise awareness of China’s maritime ambitions and the need for an effective American response. He hosted podcasts with experts including Admiral James Stavridis, Ambassador Robert O’Brien, Dr. Michael Pillsbury, Rep. Mike Gallagher, naval expert Bryan Clark and others. Other priorities include legislation affirming that U.S. laws apply to offshore wind development on the Outer Continental Shelf, updated waiver procedures launching a maritime grassroots initiatives including the Florida Maritime Partnership. Growing up in western Michigan, Roberts interned at the US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit while an undergraduate at Michigan State University. Following graduation, he worked for US Sen. Robert Griffin and the US Justice Department’s Antitrust Division while obtaining his law degree. Roberts spent several years in private law practice focused on transportation regulatory and legislative matters. In 1991 Roberts moved in-house with Crowley as Counsel for the liner division and later as VP for Government Relations. He returned to private practice in 2000, representing Crowley and others until moving back in-house in 2008 as SVP / GC and a member of the Crowley leadership team.

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