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Mr. Paul Marino of Largo Florida is a member of both the Florida and Maryland Bars and was appointed as ALEAC Corporate Counsel at its creation in 2003. Mr. Marino came to ALEAC with a long history of providing legal advice to several of the nation's leading criminal justice oriented associations.

In 1976, Mr. Marino left his native Baltimore where he served as a member of the Mayor's staff, handling public safety and emergency management issues for the City of Baltimore to accept an appointment as Chief Legal Counsel to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Florida. That same year, he was awarded the *Baltimore Mayor's Citation* for his work in handling major emergencies faced by the city in the previous decade. During his tenure with the City of Baltimore, he served as legal counsel to the U.S. Frigate Constellation Foundation and the Pride of Baltimore Sea School.

During his work with the Sheriff's Office, in addition to his primary responsibility to manage claims and reduce potential liability against the Sheriff and his deputies, he was initially responsible for handling public information and media matters for the Sheriff, and worked on several major law enforcement "sting" projects. While working with the county sheriff, he was instrumental in creating the Ye Mystic Air Krew of private pilots as part of the annual Gasparilla celebration in Tampa Florida. He retired after 17 years of government service to further his career in private practice and as a civil liability defense attorney for police departments throughout the state of Florida.

Today, Mr. Marino's law practice is centered on his work as a contract city attorney for the City of Belleair Beach in Pinellas County, Florida; as a corporate counsel for several law enforcement associations; and as a Hearing Officer for the Hillsborough County Public Transportation Commission and the Hillsborough County Emergency Medical Planning Council.

Mr. Marino was the 1993 recipient of the *Florida Bar's Ralph Marsicano Award* for excellence as a government attorney; and is the recipient of a Proclamation from the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners in recognition of his saving the Sheriff's Office and County millions of dollars in civil liability defense costs.

In 1990, the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA) awarded Mr. Marino with the *Robert Cormier Memorial Award* which is the Association's highest award sponsored by Bell Helicopter Company in recognition for his work of representing ALEA before the U.S. Supreme Court in the aerial surveillance case of *Florida vs. Riley*.