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The Honorable  
**MARIO CORDERO**  
 Chairman  
 Federal Maritime Commission

**2015 WEST COAST CONNIE AWARD WINNER**



**THE HONORABLE MARIO** Cordero was designated chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission by President Barack Obama on April 1, 2013. Previously, he served as an FMC Commissioner. Cordero has more than 30 years of private legal practice and decades of public service — including eight years on the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Port of Long Beach, California.

Prior to serving at the FMC, Chairman Cordero was active in the Long Beach maritime community. While a Port of Long Beach commissioner, he spearheaded the port's pioneering Green Port Policy aimed at reconciling economic growth and environmental stewardship to achieve long-term, sustainable port development. During his years serving on the Port of Long Beach managing body, he served as both a vice president and president. He also used his time and leadership position there to educate the public about the importance of a robust port, an effort that included new and expanded community outreach initiatives.

Cordero took an active role in the American Association of Port Authorities, a multinational trade association representing more than 130 public port authorities throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. Notably, he also served on the executive board for the AAPA's Latin American delegation. In this role, he led efforts to develop cohesive policies for greater cooperation, increased trade and joint growth across the combined North American and Latin American footprint.

The Chairman earned his Bachelor of Science degree in political science from California State University, Long Beach, and he subsequently earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Santa Clara.

**WOLFGANG FREESE**  
 President, Region Americas  
 Hapag-Lloyd



**IN 2009, WOLFGANG** Freese was named president, region Americas at Hapag-Lloyd, where he has helped shape business for four decades. After serving in the German Navy for two years, he began a traineeship in the United States with Biehl & Company and Southeastern Maritime, agents of Hapag-Lloyd at the time, in Savannah, Georgia; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Houston, Texas. From this start in 1971, Freese rose to multiple Hapag-Lloyd management positions around the world.

He occupied various management positions and senior management positions internationally in Jakarta, Indonesia; London, England; Hamburg, Munich and Frankfurt in Germany from 1978 to 2000.

In May 2000, Freese returned to the United States as senior vice president for area west in Corte Madera, California. Just six years later, he was appointed senior vice president for area gulf in Houston. After a restructuring process in July 2008, Freese retained his senior vice president role, which encompassed now both the West Coast and the Gulf. He held this position until his appointment to president, region Americas.

He has received recognition for his professional expertise and experience with his induction into the International Maritime Hall of Fame founded by the Maritime Association of the Ports of NY and NJ.

He is married with two children.



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