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WORK Experience

United States Air Force

1999- Present

Circuit Defense Counsel, Riverview Air Force Base, California 2002-Present

Area Defense Counsel, Mountainview Air Force Base, Montana 2001-2002

Lead or solo defense attorney in criminal matters with full oversight of initial investigations, trial planning, motions practice, discovery, legal research, and courtroom appearances. In current position, serve as lead defense counsel for jurisdiction of 100,000 military personnel. Key member of defense team in highly publicized manslaughter case involving death of four Canadian soldiers. Considered the most significant case in Air Force history due to international context and unprecedented criminal charges for friendly fire incident. Managed litigation for eight rape cases maintaining 100% acquittal rate. Defended largest child pornography case in Air Force history obtaining partial acquittal despite overwhelming evidence, including 29,000 discreet images. Secured acquittals in several narcotics cases, providing persuasive counterarguments to scientific evidence used by prosecution. Defended a total of 50 criminal trials, won numerous acquittals, and obtained many dropped charges after preliminary hearings. Twice selected to serve as adjunct faculty at Advanced Trial Advocacy course for the Air Force Judge Advocate School.

Chief of Legal Assistance, Snowy River Air Force Base, Washington 1999-2001

Managed Legal Assistance section responsible for advising airmen, family members, and military retirees on consumer affairs, estate planning, divorce, and landlord-tenant disputes. Also handled significant litigation responsibilities, prosecuting five court-martials and obtaining convictions for each case. Prosecuted and obtained convictions in larceny, narcotics, and destruction of government property cases. Successfully relived commanding officer of multi-thousand-dollar tax liability. Drafted hundreds of estate planning documents for enlisted personal, officers, and military retirees.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, Washington

1999

JURIS DOCTOR

Seattle District Attorney's Office, Gang Unit: Gained valuable exposure to prosecution of criminal narcotics, racketeering, and illegal gun-use matters, including death penalty cases. Washington Court of Appeals: Drafted *habeas writs* for criminal appeals. Lakeview District Attorney's Office: Provided support to prosecutors for cases involving DUIs, assault, and other misdemeanor offenses.

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO, Sacramento, California

1993

Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature

Proficient in Russian and French.

Licensed to practice before all State Courts of California and Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.