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Executive Summary

- 3 years, Coordinator, Penn State University Homeland Security Programs
- 5 years, Senior Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University
- 17 years, Professor of National Security Studies & Law, National War College
- 4 years, Fellow and Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University
- 4 years, National Security Council Staff Assistant to the President
- 2 years, Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations
- 2 years, Senior Legal Advisor to the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Fleet
- 3 years, Senior Legal and Legislative Advisor to the Secretary of Defense
- 2 years, Senior Legal Advisor to the Auditor-General of the Navy
- 2 years, Senior Appellate Counsel at the Court of Military Appeals
- 2 years, Criminal Trial Attorney
- 3 years, Operational/Overseas assignments, U.S. Navy

Selective Professional Achievements

- Assisted the President and the National Security Advisor in the formulation and execution of numerous national security decisions
- Directed a senior policy making staff of 160 professionals with a budget of 1.4 million
- Supervised 42 attorneys and their staffs to provide legal services to 10 aircraft carriers and 21 Air Bases covering the Caribbean, the Atlantic, and the Mediterranean
- Served as Professor at the senior national service college for strategic thinking
- Conceptualized and wrote a 75 page syllabus for a 2 month course of study for 195 senior military and civilian students, and directed 14 faculty members to teach the course
- Prepared the Secretary of Defense and senior Pentagon staff for Congressional testimony and provided expert advice on the annual budgetary process
- Advised the senior leadership of the Navy on the proper course of action dealing with the disposition of numerous high-level decisions
- Authored over 200 appellate briefs, with over 10 published opinions
- Served as Fellow and Adjunct Professor for Homeland Security at the Bush School/Texas A&M University

Employment History

2011-present	Coordinator, Penn State Homeland Security Base Program
2008-2010	Adjunct Professor, Pennsylvania State University
1991-2008	Professor of National Security Studies and Law, National War College
1989-1991	Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon
1987-1989	Senior Legal Advisor to the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Fleet

1983-1987 General Counsel to the National Security Council, and Executive Assistant to three National Security Advisors
1980-1983 Director of Legal and Legislative Affairs for the Secretary of Defense
1978-1980 Senior Legal Advisor to the Auditor-General of the Navy
1976-1978 Appellate Attorney at the U.S. Court of Military Appeals
1974-1976 Criminal Trial Attorney at the Navy Legal Service Office, Washington, DC
1971-1974 Attaché, Ankara, Turkey; Boat Group Commander, Sixth Fleet

Academic Experience

- 3 years teaching Penn State graduate courses as adjunct professor and senior lecturer
- 17 years teaching National War College Core Courses in Fundamentals of National Strategy; the National Security Decision Process, and Geostrategic Studies; National War College elective on: The Presidency and National Security; 5 years teaching Law, Ethics, and National Security; Homeland Security, and Director of the National War College Homeland Security Program
- Exchange professor for the inaugural semester at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii; exchange professor for one semester at the George C. Marshall Center in Germany to teach the course on Executive Leadership
- Frequent lecturer at the Capitol Hill Staff Course, and the Reserve Officer National Security Course
- Acting Chairman, Department of National Security Strategy, National War College
- 4 years, Fellow at the Bush School of Government & Public Service/Texas A&M University; taught online Homeland Security Certificate Courses 2004-2007

Education

LLM, Georgetown University
JD, University of Baltimore
MS, National War College
BA, Germanic literature, Boston University
Languages: German, French, and Turkish

Publications

“Homeland Security (HLS) 801 – Homeland Security Administration – Policies and Programs”
On-Line Masters Introductory Course, Penn State University, 2010
“Engage Iran in Secret and Use a High-Level Envoy,” in Engaging Iran, Lessons from the Past, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Policy Focus #93, May 2009
“The Presidency and National Security,” National War College Syllabus, 2007
“Homeland Security,” National War College Syllabus, 2006
“The Legend of George Kennan,” Joint Forces Quarterly, Issue 41, 2nd Quarter 2005
“Law, Ethics, and National Security,” National War College Syllabus, 2001
“The National Security Decision Process,” National War College Syllabus, 2000
“Democratization and National Security,” National War College Syllabus, 1996
Ten published opinions by the Court of Military Appeals, from over 200 appellate briefs

Memberships

Admitted to practice law in DC and PA; Member, Federal Bar Association
Member, Hershey Rotary Club
President, Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society (2,000 Members, \$150,000 Annual Budget)
Chairman, Hershey Area Playhouse (4,000 Members, \$100,000 Annual Budget)