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Profile

Lawyer with experience advising governmental and non-governmental clients on a broad array of aerospace and telecommunications law, regulation and policy issues.

Experience

University of Mississippi School of Law – Center for Air and Space Law

Co-Director, Research Counsel, Instructor of Law, June 2018 to present

I teach aviation, space and cyber security law to JD and LLM students, serve as faculty adviser for air and space law moot court competitions and for student theses, conduct and manage research of the Center, liaise with Mississippi's US Congressional representatives and their staff, assist with management of the Journal of Space Law, build connections with aerospace industry stakeholders for student externship placements, and serve as the Law School's Faculty Senator.

Aviation Advocacy

Associate, February 2015 to present

Aviation Advocacy is a Swiss-based consultancy focused on aviation industry analysis and advice on policy, law and regulation. My focus is on advancing technologies, such as UAS, satellite telecoms and GNSS for aircraft in-flight. I regularly contribute to projects advising a range of clients including international airports, airlines and ATC providers. I led a four-year project on global regulatory compliance advice for a major avionics supplier that partnered with a satellite communications operator for the provision of Wi-Fi on-board aircraft in flight.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

Program Officer and Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow, January to August 2016

The Committee on Science, Technology and Law (CSTL), a unit of the National Academies' Policy and Global Affairs Division, seeks to improve public policy in matters of science and technology. My responsibilities included: updating a 2015 proposal for a space law and policy study on the need for modernization of international and US laws and regulations affecting the commercial space industry; developing proposals for studies on advancing science and technologies and effects on law and policy; liaising with staff of congressional committees, federal agencies, not-for-profit foundations and universities for the purposes of resource mobilization, donor relations and outreach on studies.

Los Angeles City Attorneys Office—Division of Airports

Law Clerk, LA World Airports (LAX, VNY, ONT), October 2010 to April 2012

The Division of Airports serves as in-house counsel to airports owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles, including LAX. My responsibilities included: conducting litigation, including drafting complaints, responses and motions, and coordinating responses to requests for production of evidence; reviewing requests for proposals, proposals, contracts and leases; and liaising with government officials, external counsel and industry stakeholders on airport interests.

Pro Bono and Internship Experiences

American Society of International Law

Co-chair, Space Law Interest Group, April 2015 to May 2017

The American Society of International Law (ASIL) is a non-profit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization chartered by an Act of the US Congress to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

Achievements included: Representing the Space Law IG at the UNOOSA/UAE High Level Forum on 'Space as a driver of socio-economic development'; Launching social media platforms; Doubling membership of the Space Law IG; Raising the profile of space law at ASIL Annual Meetings by co-sponsoring a panel on space mining in 2016 and organizing a panel entitled 'Making Space for Private Space Actors' in 2017; Attending meetings of the Fourth Committee of the UN General Assembly on the negotiation of its annual resolution on 'International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space'; Organizing educational events, including 'A Conversation with Niklas Hedman, Chief of the Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs section of the UN Officer for Outer Space Affairs' and 'A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Outer Space Treaty' featuring representatives from the US State Department and professors from Georgetown University.

UN Office for Outer Space Affairs

Legal Intern, Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs, April to October 2015

The Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section of the Office for Outer Space Affairs serves as the secretariat to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Responsibilities included: Assisting with secretariat duties for the 2015 meetings of COPUOS, its Legal Subcommittee and a Working Group on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities; Assisting in drafting foundational documents for UNISPACE+50, including the Terms of Reference for the UNISPACE+50 Steering Committee; Attending the EU's negotiations over an international code of conduct for outer space activities and drafting a mission report for the meeting; Participating in the ICAO Space Learning Group and liaising with members of the ICAO secretariat for development of the program agenda for the ICAO/UNOOSA Aerospace Symposium 2016

Aerospace Industries Association

Policy Intern for Space and Civil Aviation Sectors, June to October 2014

Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) is a trade association for US aerospace and defense corporations. Its International Coordinating Council (ICC) serves to align programs and messaging with its sister organizations in Europe, Japan, Russia, Canada and Brazil.

Responsibilities included: Monitoring policy and regulatory affairs at domestic and international levels; Liaising with government officials, including members of Congress and their staff, as well as with officials in Departments (Defense, Transportation and State), White House offices (Office of Science and Technology Policy; Office of Management and Budget) and agencies (FAA;NOAA; FCC); Assisting with the organization of a Space Launch Roundtable involving high-level representatives from the US commercial launch industry and US government; Advising ICCAIA on UN activities and international legal issues; advising AIA on export control compliance issues; Preparing white papers; Serving as legal advisor to ICCAIA for participation in the ICAO Space Learning Group

UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate

Legal Intern, September 2013 to February 2014

The Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) serves as the executive arm of the UN Security Council Counter Terrorism Committee.

Responsibilities included: Analyzing international, regional and domestic agreements relating to counter-terrorism; Attending Committee meetings and drafting reports on activities of CTED and the implementation of counter-terrorism procedures and mechanisms; Drafting memoranda on public international law

Education

Master of Laws in Air and Space Law, McGill University, 2016

- Thesis on “Air and Space Law in the Context of Globalization and Fragmentation”
- Research Assistant, McGill Centre on Research in Air and Space Law
- 2013 Manfred Lachs Space Moot Court Competition Regional Semi-Finalist

Juris Doctor, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 2008

- Certificate in International Legal Studies
- Teaching Assistant, International Trade Law and European Union Law

Master of Arts in Liberal Arts, St. John’s College, 2001

- Classics in literature, philosophy, theology, math, sciences and political philosophy

Bachelor of Sciences, Mount Saint Mary’s University, 1999

- Biology major with a liberal arts curriculum
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Licenses and Affiliations

Attorney-at-law in California (2010) and New York (2011)

Member of the American Society of International Law, International Institute of Space Law, and American Bar Association – Forum on Air and Space Law (Committee on Space Law)

Publications and Presentations

Panel presentations on “Commercial Space – Understanding the rules behind NewSpace” Yuri’s Night, The Space Court Foundation and The Center for Air and Space Law, University of Mississippi School of Law (Online, 12 April 2020)

Panel presentation on “The Future of Space Industry,” International Legal and Policy Conference on the Future of Transport, NALSAR University of Law, (Hyderabad, India, 2-3 February 2020)

Panel presentation on “The Future of Space Governance: New Entrants – Nations” Dean Rusk International Law Center, University of Georgia (Athens, October 2019)

Panel presentation on “Sovereignty, Multilateralism and Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty” Annual Meeting of the European Society of International Law (Athens, Greece, September 2019)

Panel presentation on “Competition Law and New Distribution Capabilities” Annual ESHT/INATEL International Conference on Tourism Law (Estoril, Portugal, October 2018)

Panel presentation on “International Legal Perspectives on Weaponization of Outer Space” Annual Conference, ABA Forum on Air and Space Law (Chicago, September 2018)

“Sustainability, Security and Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty” in R.P. Rajagopalan and N. Prasad, Eds., *Space India 2.0: Commerce, Policy, Security and Governance Perspectives* (New Delhi: Observer Research Foundation, 2017) https://www.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/ORF_Space-India-2.0_NEW-21Nov.pdf

“Private Commercial Space Enterprises and Global Space Governance” (contributing author) in Ram Jakhu and Joseph Pelton, Eds., *Global Space Governance: An International Study* (Springer, 2017)

Presentation on “Capacity building and information dissemination through the ASIL Space Law IG,” UNOOSA/UAE High Level Forum on “Space as a driver of socio-economic development” (Dubai, 24 Nov 2016)

"Space Traffic Management: Stratospheric Thinking" Managing the Skies (September/October 2016 edition) FAA Managers Association

"Air and Space Law in the Context of Globalization and Fragmentation" Master's Thesis, McGill University Library (2016)

"The Effects of Fragmentation of International Law on Aerospace Regulation" (2016) 58 Proc. Int'l Institute Space L 53

Space Security Index, Project Ploughshares (2015) (Lead drafter for indicators examining space-based global utilities, priorities/funding levels)

of national space agencies, and international cooperation in space activities)

Panel presentation on "What is NewSpace?" 3rd Manfred Lachs Conference hosted by McGill University (Montreal, March 2015)

"The ASTEROIDS Act and Hearing: Some observations on international obligations" The Space Review (22 Sept 2014)

<http://www.thespacereview.com/article/2604/1>

"International and U.S. National Laws Affecting Commercial Space Tourism: How ITAR tips the balance struck between international law and the CSLAA," (2007) 33 J Space Law 245