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SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

I.R. Consilium, LLC, *Founder CEO*, US/UK (2011-Present).

Lead family business that provides expert advice and assistance on matters of international relations, maritime security and energy security. Work with public and private clients around the world on: developing and implementing national or regional strategies; training and educating senior leaders; establishing security cooperation regimes; conducting table top exercises; field testing strategic assets; contextual analysis and problem solving.

UN Office on Drugs & Crime, *Maritime Crime Expert* (2017-Present).

Serve as lead expert on maritime crime in the Caribbean; conduct assessments on maritime crime around the world and develop programs to address evolving and emerging threats; lead initiatives on floating armories, protection of submarine cables, and oil theft.

Atlantic Council, *Senior Fellow*, Washington, DC (2016-Present).

Serve as lead for the Global Energy Center on the largest study ever conducted regarding illicit hydrocarbons activity.

Africa Center for Strategic Studies, *Adjunct Prof. of Maritime Law & Security*, Washington, DC (2015-2019).

Served as lead maritime law and security expert at the U.S. Department of Defense's center for strategic engagement with African states. Organized workshops, seminars and negotiations in Africa on maritime security and worked extensively with African states on security cooperation, law enforcement reform, strategy development and countering transnational organized crime.

National & International Standards on Private Security, *Co-Chair and Expert*, Global (2010-2017).

Co-Chaired or served on various technical committees and working groups for developing private security standards.

Picard, Kentz, & Rowe, LLP, *Counsel*, Washington, DC, (2011-2013).

Advised sovereign entity on matters of public international law. Served as interlocutor between government and other parties including the UN Security Council.

Hunton & Williams, LLP, *Associate*, Norfolk, Virginia, USA (2005-2007).

Practiced in admiralty, maritime, international and national security law.

JAG Corps, Virginia Defense Force, *Captain (O-3)*, Norfolk, Virginia, USA (2006-2007).

Served as Staff Judge Advocate for the Lafayette Brigade. Completed Special Assignment from Commanding General to design and establish a maritime security unit under the authority of the Governor.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, *Flotilla 54, Operations*, Norfolk, Virginia, USA (2006-2007).

Performed safety patrols, briefed command on legal issues, assisted in teaching boater safety courses.

Iraqi High Tribunal: Regime Crimes Liaison's Office, *Research Clerk* (2005).

Provided legal advice to the Iraqi Judges on the trials of Saddam Hussein and his co-defendants.

KEY EXPERIENCE

- *Leading expert on maritime law, security and strategy.*
- *Leading expert on hydrocarbons crimes.*
- *Leading expert on the regulation, governance, and oversight of private security companies.*
- *Senior advisor and negotiator in international relations, law, security, and policy.*
- *Unique regional expertise in Africa, the Balkans, Caribbean, Middle East, and South and Southeast Asia.*

RECENT ACTIVITIES

- *Led Whole-of-Africa Maritime Dialogue in Namibia*
- *Led Red Sea Dialogue*
- *Appointed to lead UN effort to counter piracy in the Caribbean.*
- *Appointed to lead UN effort to assist states with protection of submarine cables.*
- *Led Senior Leaders Seminar (heads of navies) for major naval exercise in East Africa.*
- *Organized and ran high-level regional conference on technology for maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea*
- *Completed drafting definitive guidance for UN on Floating Armories; Maritime Oil and Fuel Crimes; and Protection of Submarine Cables.*

EDUCATION

PhD, Politics & International Studies, ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, UNIV. OF CAMBRIDGE, UK, 2011

Thesis: *Private Military and Security Companies in the Uncharted Spaces of the Law*

Gates Scholar; Captain, Cambridge Lacrosse; President, Hawks' Club; President, St. John's May Ball.

MPhil, International Relations, ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, UNIV. OF CAMBRIDGE, UK, 2008

Dissertation: *Joint Criminal Enterprise Liability in the Iraqi High Tribunal* (Distinction); Gates Scholar.

JD, WILLIAM & MARY SCHOOL OF LAW, Virginia, USA, 2005

Top 10% of Class; Jack Kent Cooke Scholar; Notes Editor, *Law Review*; National Security Law Prize;

1st Place, Cultural Heritage Preservation National Writing Competition 2005.

MA, Intercultural Communication, UNIV. OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY, USA, 2002

GPA: 4.0; Thesis: *Nazism in Argentina: The Forgotten Extension of the Third Reich*.

BA, Modern Languages and Linguistics, UNIV. OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY, USA, 2002

GPA: 3.95; Valedictorian; Honors College; Humanities Scholar (Full); Phi Beta Kappa; NCAA Div I Diver.

2016 UMBC Outstanding Alumnus Award.

SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

California State University Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA (2017-Present)

University of California undergraduate institution for educating maritime professionals.

Henry Clay Center For Statesmanship, Lexington, KY & Washington, DC (2016-Present)

Educational center promoting the values of statesmanship and civility exhibited by Henry Clay.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS*

Why the Massive Floating Bomb in the Red Sea Needs Urgent Attention, The Atlantic Council, Apr. 2019.

Addressing the Invisible Supply Chain, The Atlantic Council, Apr. 2019.

Trends in African Maritime Security, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Mar. 2019.

The Gulf of Guinea is Ready for Maritime Technology, Center for International Maritime Security, Feb. 2019.

Contaminated Fuel is Poisoning Global Shipping, The Atlantic Council, Sept. 2018.

What Went Wrong When Regulating Private Maritime Security Companies, in OPERATIONAL LAW IN INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AND CURRENT MARITIME SECURITY CHALLENGES, Chapter 8, Springer-Verlag: 2018.

Oil on the Water: Illicit Hydrocarbons Activity in the Maritime Domain, The Atlantic Council, Apr. 2018.

Approaches to Piracy, Armed Robbery at Sea, and other Maritime Crime in West and Central Africa, in MILITARISED RESPONSES TO TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME, Chapter 8, Palgrave: 2017.

Downstream Oil Theft: Global Modalities, Trends and Remedies, The Atlantic Council, Jan. 2017.

The Montreux Document: The Legal Significance of a Non-Legal Instrument, in CIVILIANS AT WAR: CONTROLLING PRIVATE MILITARY AND SECURITY CONTRACTORS, Chapter 10, Rowman & Littlefield: 2016.

Private Military Companies and the Ius ad Bellum, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, Chapter 53, Oxford University Press: 2015.

Accountability for Armed Contractors, Fletcher Security Review, 12 Jan. 2015.

Comprehensively Limited: NATO's Disconnected Approach to Security, War on the Rocks, 2014.

Joint Criminal Enterprise Liability in the Iraqi High Tribunal, 28 B.U. INT'L L.J. 281 (2010).

Prosecuting Cultural Property Crimes in Iraq, 37 GEO. J. INT'L L. 165 (2005).

SELECTED RECENT SPEECHES AND LECTURES*

Overlooked Security Concerns in Africa, Whole of Africa Maritime Dialogue, Windhoek, Namibia, May 2019.

Evolving and Emerging Maritime Trends in the Caribbean, Regional Technical Working Group, Bridgetown, Barbados, Apr. 2019.

Maritime Cyber and Technological Challenges, Red Sea Arena Security Dialogue, Washington, Apr. 2019

Challenges to Managing and Protecting Maritime Resources, Cutlass Express Naval Exercise, Mozambique, Feb. 2019.

Protection of Submarine Cables, Regional Ministerial Meeting, Sri Lanka, Jan. 2019.

Moving Forward with Maritime Security in Africa, CFMCC (one star admirals) Course, Italy, Dec. 2018.

Maritime Crime in the Caribbean, Regional UNODC Experts Meeting, El Salvador, Nov. 2018.

Chairman, Technology for Maritime Security, Governance and Development in the Gulf of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nov. 2018.

Oil and Fuel Crimes in the Sulu and Celebes Seas, UN Contact Group on Sulu & Celebes Seas, Philippines, Aug. 2018.

* Full lists available upon request.