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### SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

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

Lead family business that works with public and private clients around the world on identifying and addressing both maritime and resource related crimes, countering hybrid aggression and illicit transnational activities, enhancing governance and developing sustainable economic activity, particularly in the blue economy.

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

Serve as lead for the Global Energy Center on major study of illicit hydrocarbons activity. Lead on maritime cyber security initiatives.

#### **U.S. Department of Defense Adjunct and Affiliate Positions:**

- Africa Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC (2015-present) – Lead the portfolio for engagement in Africa on maritime law and security.
- United States Naval War College, Newport, RI (2018-Present) – Serve as instructor on Combined Forces Maritime Component Commanders Courses; lead Maritime Terrorism course.
- Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS), Newport, RI (2020-Present) – Participate in initiatives around the world, and lead the Legal Aspects of Maritime Security Operations Course.
- Institute for Security Governance, Monterrey, CA (2021-Present) – Serve as maritime expert on engagements around the world, particularly on maritime domain awareness.

#### **UN Office on Drugs & Crime, *Maritime Crime Expert*** (2017-2022).

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

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

Co-Chaired or served on technical committees and working groups to develop 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 Brigade Staff Judge Advocate. 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

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- *Leading expert on maritime law, security, governance, development and strategy.*
- *Recognized expert on IUU fishing, fisheries crime & marine environmental protection.*
- *Leading expert on hydrocarbons, mining, and resource crimes.*
- *Unique regional expertise in Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East, the Balkans, the Black Sea, and South and Southeast Asia.*

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

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- *Designing & leading table-top exercises (TTXs) on maritime security & fisheries protection, globally.*
- *Leading Senior Leaders Seminars for naval exercises in Africa.*
- *Leading fisheries transparency study.*
- *Leading maritime strategy development initiatives in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America.*
- *Leading efforts to identify maritime cybersecurity concerns.*

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## EDUCATION

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### **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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

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**Reves Center for International Studies, William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA (2019-Present)**

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

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

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS\*

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*Tonga's Devastating Volcanic Eruption has left the Island without Internet*, Slate, 21 Jan. 2021.

*Cybersecurity Concerns for the Energy Sector in the Maritime Domain*, Atlantic Council, 6 Dec. 2021.

*Beyond IUU Fishing and Fisheries Crime: State-Protected Illicit Fishing*, Diplomatic Courier, 25 March 2021.

*As Defense Cuts Loom, Reimagining Maritime Security Could Help Reform Defense Spending*, Marine Link, 17 March 2021.

*Looking Past Gulf of Guinea Piracy: Chinese Twins, "Ghanaian" Fishing, and Domain Awareness*, CIMSEC, 17 Mar. 2021.

*Evolution of the Fleet: A Closer Look at the Chinese Fishing Vessels off the Galapagos*, CIMSEC, 19 Oct. 2021.

*Crossover Criminal Vessels: A Growing Illicit Maritime Trend*, Diplomatic Courier, 14 Jan. 2021.

*Wealth Blindness Beyond National Jurisdiction*, (co-authored), MARINE POLLUTION BULLETIN vol. 151, Feb. 2020.

*Hookahs and Honey: Funding Terrorism Through 'Benign' Activities*, Strife Blog, 4 Aug. 2019.

*Identifying, Mapping and Addressing the Invisible Supply Chain*, The Atlantic Council, Apr. 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.

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

*From Sea Blindness to Wealth Blindness*, Stimson Center's National Security Forum, 3 Feb. 2017.

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

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## SELECTED RECENT SPEECHES AND LECTURES\*

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*Detection of Legal Anomalies in the Black Sea*, DIILS, Romania, Bulgaria & Ukraine, 23 June-25 August 2021.

*Hybrid Aggression in the Gulf of Oman*, NATO Defense College, 14 Sept. 2021.

*Henry Clay Center: Discussions with Alexander Vindman and Jon Meecham*, Virtual, 23 & 28 May 2021.

*Near East South Asia Center: Maritime Trafficking and Smuggling in the Red Sea*, Virtual, 17 May 2021.

*Oceans 5: Maritime Domain Awareness for Countering IUU Fishing and Fisheries Crime*, Virtual, 28 April 2021.

*Downstream Oil Theft: Countermeasures and Good Practices*, Atlantic Council Global Energy Forum, Abu Dhabi, Jan. 2020.

*Lessons from Africa for Global Maritime Security*, US Naval War College, Newport, RI, Dec. 2019.

*Strategic Security Challenges in Latin America*, SOUTHCOM CFMCC, Miami, FL, Nov. 2019.

*Models of Security Cooperation for the Red Sea: the Gulf of Guinea*, Red Sea Arena Security Dialogue, Sweimeh, Jordan, Nov. 2019.

*Building Cooperation: the Caribbean and West Africa*, German Marshall Fund Atlantic Strategy Group, Miami, FL, Nov. 2019.

*Engagement with Civil Society for Maritime Security and Prosperity*, Global Maritime Security Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, Oct. 2019.

\* Full lists available upon request or at <https://irconsilium.com/publicationsandspeeches/>

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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English – Native; Spanish – Fluent; German – Basic; French and Portuguese – Elementary.