

EXPERIENCE (LITIGATION/ADVOCACY)

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNSELORS

Rockville, MD

Executive Director

8/2009 – present

- Co-founder, CEO of a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about national security issues, influencing relevant legislation, and providing assistance to people involved in security-related legal or administrative proceedings.
- Act as primary counsel for legal assistance projects.
- Specialize in cases involving national security issues, including whistleblowers, security clearances, prepublication review, and FOIA/PA litigation.
- Represent whistleblower clients with agency Inspectors General and Congressional committees.
- Interact with Congressional and Executive branch officials regarding proposed changes to laws and/or regulations.
- Litigate cases before the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals; the Merit Systems Protection Board; the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; the U.S. District Courts of D.C., Southern District of New York, Eastern District of California, and Northern District of Texas; and the U.S. Circuit Courts of the D.C. Circuit, 9th Circuit, and 2nd Circuit.

NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWERS CENTER

Washington, DC

Counsel to the National Security Program

10/2010 – 5/2012

- Served as legal adviser to a program advocating greater whistleblower protections for national security employees.

KOHN, KOHN & COLAPINTO, LLP

Washington, DC

Of Counsel

9/2009 – 5/2012

- Litigated whistleblower reprisal and FOIA/PA cases before the DOJ Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management and the U.S. District Court of D.C.

LAW OFFICE of MARK S. ZAID, P.C.

Washington, DC

Of Counsel

12/2007 – 7/2009

- Specialized in cases involving national security issues, including whistleblowers, security clearances, prepublication review, and FOIA/PA litigation.
- Litigated cases before the U.S. District Courts of D.C. and the Eastern District of Virginia.

JAMES MADISON PROJECT

Washington, DC

Director of FOIA Operations

12/2007 – 7/2009

- Managed all FOIA-related business, including administrative requests, litigation, outreach, and press relations.

EXPERIENCE (TEACHING)

- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE of LAW** Washington, DC
Adjunct Professor 5/2017 – present
- Teach a legal seminar in National Security Law and Practice.
- POINT PARK UNIVERSITY** Pittsburgh, PA
Adjunct Professor 1/2011 – 6/2012
- Taught an undergraduate seminar in National Intelligence Authorities.
- UNIVERSITY of the DISTRICT of COLUMBIA** Washington, DC
Adjunct Professor 1/2010 – 12/2010
- Taught an undergraduate seminar in National Security Law, Policy, and Objectives.

EDUCATION

- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER** Washington, DC
Master of Laws – National Security Law 8/2008 – 12/2009
Coursework included: National Security Investigations and Litigation, Managing National Security, Congressional Investigations, Congress and the DOJ, Foreign Relations Law, Litigation with the Federal Government, International Criminal Law.
Study Abroad: International Law and Security – Florence, Italy (Summer 2009).
- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE of LAW** Washington, DC
Juris Doctor (includes a semester at Boston University School of Law) 8/2003 – 5/2007
Mock Trial Honor Society; Student Bar Association: Four-term Senator.
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** Washington, DC
Master of Arts *Cum Laude* – Security Studies 8/2000 – 5/2003

SCHOLARSHIP

Public Appearances (Non-Media):

- Panelist, “Representation of the Intelligence Community: Whistleblowers and Clearance Revocations and Suspensions,” at *70th Annual Meeting*, Labor and Employment Relations Association, June 16, 2018.
- Witness, “Government Accountability Office Investigative Authority Over the U.S. Intelligence Community,” Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, U.S. House of Representatives, Apr. 17, 2018.
- Panelist at *Representation of Intelligence Community Whistleblowers*, Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association, Dec. 12, 2017.
- Panelist at *National Security Law Brief Fall Symposium - Public Private Partnerships: How the National Security Community Interacts with Private Sector*, American University Washington College of Law, Nov. 15, 2017.
- Participant at *Navigating Law and Ethics at the Crossroads of Journalism and National Security*, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, Nov. 9-10, 2017.
- Panelist, “Election 2016! You Decide the Best Way to Minimize the Sting of a Denial,” at *2016 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, Oct. 8, 2016.

- Panelist, “FOIA 101” and “FOIA 201: Advanced FOIA Strategies and Tactics,” at *HOPE XI*, Hackers on Planet Earth, July 23, 2016.
- Panelist, “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow,” at *2015 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, Oct. 10, 2015.
- Panelist, “FOIA Advanced Strategies and Tactics,” at *HOPE X*, Hackers on Planet Earth, July 18, 2014.
- Panelist, “Fighting FOIA Erosion,” at *2012 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, May 12, 2012.
- Panelist, “Current FOIA Litigation,” at *Fifth Annual Freedom of Information Day Celebration*, American University Washington College of Law, Mar. 16, 2012.
- Panelist, “WikiLeaks: What Are the Implications and Aftereffects for Open Government?” at *2011 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, Mar. 21, 2011.
- Panelist at *FOIA Requester/Agency Town Hall*, U.S. Department of Justice, Mar. 17, 2011.
- Panelist, “National Security and the First Amendment,” at *Emerging National Security Threats in a Globalized World*, American University Washington College of Law, Mar. 2, 2011.
- Panelist, “Federal Bureau of Investigation Whistleblowers,” at *2010 National Whistleblower Assembly: The Final Countdown: Honoring 10 Years of Commitment*, U.S House of Representatives, May 24, 2010.
- “Opening Remarks” at *Emerging Issues in National and International Security (EMININT 2006)*, American University Washington College of Law, Apr. 21, 2006.
- Panelist at *National Security Student Leadership Conference*, American University Washington College of Law, Nov. 5, 2005.
- Delegate at *Hostage to Terrorism: Governmental and Non-Governmental Response Strategies*, University of Virginia Critical Incident Analysis Group, Apr. 3-5, 2005.
- “Opening Remarks” and Panelist, “Climate Change, Infectious Disease, and Resource Shortages as Threats to International Security,” at *Emerging Issues in National and International Security (EMININT 2005)*, American University Washington College of Law, Mar. 21, 2005.

Published Scholarship:

- “The Need for a Perception-Based Model of Comparing Intelligence Communities: An Historical Case Study” in *American Intelligence Journal*, 2007.
- “A Cooperative Approach to Counter-Terrorism Policy Development” in *Proceedings of the 1st Annual Symposium on Emerging Issues in National and International Security (EMININT 2005)*, 2007.
- “Left, Right, and Center: Political Thought for the Law Student,” recurring column in *American Jurist*, 2004-2005.
- “Point-Counterpoint for House Leadership Intelligence Reform Bills,” handout for ABA panel, 2004.

Unpublished Scholarship:

- “Its Time Has Come: The Need for Legislative Reform of the Security and Suitability Process”
- “Legislating the State Secrets Privilege: A Separation of Powers Analysis”
- “Application of the Espionage Act and Related Statutes to Reporters, Academics, and Other Participants in the Marketplace of Ideas”

HONORS/AWARDS

- Board of Directors, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, June 2018-present.
- Steering Committee, Committee on National Security Law, Policy, and Practice, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Oct. 2017-present.
- Board of Directors, National Military Intelligence Foundation, July 2015-present.
- Board of Directors, National Military Intelligence Association, Nov. 2010-Apr. 2015.
- Delegate to the American Swiss Foundation Young Leaders Conference, May 2006.
- Bar memberships: U.S. Supreme Ct.; U.S. Ct. of Appeals (D.C. Cir.; 9th Cir.; 2nd Cir.); U.S. Dist. Ct. (S.D.N.Y.; D.D.C.; N.D. Tex.).
- Charter member, Security Clearance Lawyers Association.