

ERIK G. MILITO

LinkedIn Profile: 

PROFILE: Organizational management, public policy, and public relations executive with extensive experience in implementing strategies and public relations platforms for high profile issues and crisis management situations; in serving as a spokesperson/lobbyist for industry before Congress and the Administration; and in leading publicly visible organizations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

National Ocean Industries Association, Washington, DC, November 2019 – present
President

- Leader, voice, and advocate for a 120-member organization that represents the offshore energy industry before Congress, the Executive Branch, and the media
- Represent a dynamic and growing offshore energy industry that provides solutions that support communities and protects our workers, the public and our environment
- Promote the interests of the members of the offshore energy industry
- Work to educate the public and policy makers with scientifically grounded information about the industry and its impact on our everyday lives
- Facilitate a meaningful energy dialogue from diverse perspectives for the membership
- Oversee a learning organization that fosters the mutual improvement of its members, including safety and environmental performance, through collaborative industry programs and efforts
- Advocate for the continued contribution of solutions and best practices to optimally balance societal and environmental needs for meeting the climate challenge
- Manage the day-to-day operations of the organization, including personnel, budget, and finances

American Petroleum Institute, Washington, DC, November 2002 – October 2019
Vice President, Upstream and Industry Operations

- Develop and implement campaigns on high profile issues such as hydraulic fracturing, offshore oil and gas development, climate change issues, U.S. energy security, energy exports, and others
- Establish industry policy positions on safe and environmentally responsible oil and natural gas development for the domestic oil and natural gas industry, and advance the industry position before Congress, executive agencies, and state governments
- Testify before Congress on behalf of the industry
- Led efforts to create the Center for Offshore Safety and the Environmental Partnership, which are widely recognized as successful industry technical programs
- Coordinate the development of API standards and best practices, with governance oversight over specific industry standards in the exploration and production area
- Develop positive messaging content for op-eds, letters-to-the-editor, print ads, TV ads, web content, social media; frequent media spokesperson in high profile TV, radio, and newspaper interviews; appeared on various media outlets including CNN, Fox, and others
- Collaborate and engage with foreign representations on energy issues that impact U.S. policy
- Began career at the Institute as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel and served as manager of the Office of General Counsel

United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Washington, DC

Attorney – May 2000 - November 2002

- Provided legal advice on a variety of issues affecting the Department, including oil and natural gas law, administrative law, and employment and civil rights law
- Represented the Minerals Management Service, a bureau within the Department, in administrative and judicial appeals of oil and natural gas royalty assessments
- Served as counsel in administrative and judicial litigation of adverse employment actions and allegations of discrimination
- Negotiated both royalty and employment cases through direct negotiation and mediation

United States Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps (completed service at the rank of Major),

Duty assignments included Hawaii, Korea and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

Attorney – October 1995 – April 2000 (Army reservist from 2000 – 2004)

- Served in various attorney positions while working as an Army active duty attorney (judge advocate) at duty locations including Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Camp Humphreys, Korea; and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland
- Served as a prosecutor while stationed, litigating various court-martial cases that included high-profile criminal charges
- Also served as a command legal advisor while stationed, providing advice on such diverse issues as vehicle accident investigations, liability issues involving the loss of or damage to government equipment, legal reviews of pre-trial criminal investigations, probable cause determinations, and many other administrative actions
- Served as criminal defense attorney, defending soldiers in high profile criminal cases; successfully litigated a kidnapping and indecent assault case from pre-trial hearing, through jury trial, to a full acquittal
- Received the Meritorious Service Medal and four Army Commendation Medals

EDUCATION:

Juris Doctor, May 1995

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dean's List; Member, *Marquette Law Review*

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting, May 1992

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Notre Dame, Indiana

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania, 1995; District of Columbia, 2003; United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2007; United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2007; United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1995; United States Supreme Court

REFERENCES: Available upon request