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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
- Engage with regulators to promote leasing, permitting, and a regulatory regime that fosters safe and environmentally responsible U.S. offshore energy development and operations
- Educate the public, policy makers, the media, and the industry on energy policy issues
- Focus on strategic outcomes that highlight the industry's vital role as an innovator, problem-solver, and preferred investment choice
- Developed and launched an ESG program, a climate change policy, and a carbon capture and storage (CCS) initiative
- Testify before Congress and provide written and oral statements before regulatory agencies
- Work with the board of directors to ensure alignment behind a common purpose
- Foster a network within the organization for industry executive learning and collaboration
- Manage the corporate governance interests of the association
- Named Top Lobbyist by *The Hill*; 500 Most Influential People Shaping Policy by *Washingtonian*

The George Washington University, School of Business, Washington, DC, January 2024 – present

Adjunct Professor

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 climate change, hydraulic fracturing, offshore oil and gas development, 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
- Manage committee of industry executives with oversight over industry public policy and technical efforts, including the development of industry standards and best practices
- 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 at Schofield Barracks, litigating various court-martial cases that included high-profile criminal charges
- Also served as a command legal advisor while stationed at Schofield Barracks, 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 while stationed in Korea, 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

PUBLICATIONS:

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