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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2008–Present **ATTORNEY/PARTNER, SWIFT & McDONALD, P.S.**
Seattle, WA
- Private Practice Attorney specializing in the areas of Federal, State, Military Criminal Defense, National Security Defense, and Professional Licensing issues.
- 2007-2008 **VISITING PROFESSOR, EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW,**
Atlanta, GA
- Acting Director International Humanitarian Law clinic, oversaw development and delivery of initial course curriculum providing students with unique clinical opportunities in assisting in the representation of Guantanamo detainees both before military commissions proceedings and in habeas federal proceedings. Achievements include faculty approval for three hour independent clinic, special recognition during recent ABA accreditation visit, and selection to deliver 2007-2008 presentation on behalf of the law School to Emory Universities Board of Visitors as the law school's featured program.
 - Teaching responsibilities include: Fall 2007 and Spring 2008, International Humanitarian Law, Spring 2008, Legal Profession (Professional Ethics), and featured lecturer in connection Emory's Continuing Legal Education program for Spring 2008 (2 hrs CLE credits in New York and California).
- 2003-2007 **OFFICE OF CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL, MILITARY COMMISSIONS,**
Washington, DC
- Lead counsel in the military commission case of *United States v Hamdan* and co-counsel in the landmark decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*. As lead military defense counsel, devised the legal strategy for challenging military commissions, drafted supporting briefs and argued the legal challenge in the District and Court of Appeals, and was on brief in the Supreme Court.
 - Testified before Senate Judiciary Committee on three separate occasions regarding suspension of Habeas Corpus in conjunction with Guantanamo Bay detainees, the necessity of legislation in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, and the use of military tribunals in the context of the "War on Terrorism."
 - Lectured to more than 25 different national interest organizations and universities on military commissions and the *Hamdan* case.
- 2000-2003 **OFFICER IN CHARGE, NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE,**
DETACHMENT MAYPORT, FLORIDA,
Mayport, FL
- Supervised eight military attorneys and a civilian counsel providing criminal defense and civil legal assistance services to the more than 8,000 service members and their families in the Mayport community.
 - Represented more than 50 individual clients in complex high profile cases ranging from serious felony charges (murder, rape and aggravated assault) to senior officer's charged with white collar crimes (criminal negligence, fraud and sexual harassment).
 - Recognized as one of the Navy's "most talented litigators".

- 1997-2000 **STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES
CARIBBEAN & SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY,**
Roosevelt Roads Naval Base, Puerto Rico
- Advised military command in all areas of facilities management including: environmental compliance, base security, labor relations, natural disaster management and military justice.
 - Represented the United States as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in high profile criminal, administrative and civil proceedings related to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and the Vieques bombing range.
- 1994-1997 **DEFENSE COUNSEL, NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE NORTHWEST,**
Bremerton, WA
- Qualified to serve as a lead defense counsel in felony cases in less than three months.
 - Represented more than 100 services members before felony and misdemeanor military courts and administrative proceedings.
 - Achieved acquittals with respect to more than 70 percent of contested charges.
 - Directed the Legal Assistance Program providing individual legal assistance for individual services members.

EDUCATION:

- TEMPLE LAW SCHOOL**, LL.M. Trial Advocacy with Honors, 2006
- Sole selectee for Adjunct Faculty for LL.M. Program for 2006-2007
- SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, J.D. 1994
- Cum laude
- UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY**, B.S. History, 1984

PUBLICATIONS:

- *The American Way of Justice*, Esquire Magazine, March, 2007
- *Why Now? The Timing of the Guantanamo Trials Is Not an Accident*, Slate, February, 15, 2008

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Named by *Esquire Magazine* as one of the “Best and Brightest”, 2004
- Runner up *National Law Journal* “Lawyer of the Year,” 2005
- Winner of the American Civil Liberties Union “Roger M Baldwin Medal of Liberty,” 2005
- Named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the “100 Most Influential Lawyers,” 2006
- Recipient of Distinguished Graduate Award, Seattle University, 2006
- Co-recipient of the Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice for 2007
- Honorary Degree Mount Holyoke University 2007
- Honorary JD Georgetown Law 2007

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

- US District Court, Western District of Washington (November 2009)
- State Bar of Washington (October 2009)
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals (May 2009)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (December 2008)
- Supreme Court of the United States (March 2006)
- Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (December 1994)
- North Carolina Supreme Court (September 1994)

SECURITY CLEARANCE:

- Secret – Most Recent Security Background Investigation (September 2007)