

## **MICHAEL, JD**

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### **INTERNATIONAL AVIATION LAW/POLICY: Counsel, Advocate, Senior Leader**

Accomplished legal specialist with advanced knowledge and practice of aviation law/policy development.

- Elevate international aviation safety, performance quality, investigation practices, and regulatory compliance through strategic implementation of highly developed legal, industry, consulting, and managerial strengths.
- Facilitate observance and fulfillment of International Civil Aviation Organization standards.
- Combine hands-on and unique academic achievements encompassing a Juris Doctor and Master of Law in International Air and Space Law.
- Effectively present complex politics and legal analysis, findings, and reports to diverse/multicultural audiences including key decision-makers.

Legal Research • Policy Analysis/Development • Program Management • Writing • Business Solutions • Investigations  
Business Operations • Geopolitical, Regulatory, Compliance Efforts • Presentations • Terrorism • Money Laundering  
Government and Intergovernmental Platforms/Relations • Evidence Collection • Prosecutorial Methods • Financing  
Instructional/Training Environments • Policy Development • International Legal Frameworks • Legislative Drafting

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME, TERRORISM PREVENTION BRANCH (UNODC/TPB), Vienna, Austria • 2007-Present**

Organization specializing in the provision of technical support/training in the ratification and legislative implementation of universal counter-terrorism tools/methods (16 treaties/protocols). Annual budget: \$15M.

##### **Specialist Consultant in International Aviation Law and Program Management**

Serve as a key contributor in the preparation of civil aviation professionals and criminal justice officials focused on international counter-terrorism laws. Collaborate with the International Civil Aviation Organization throughout strategic creation of specialized training support programs with emphasis on crash site accident investigation, evidence collection, and prosecutorial methodologies. Deliver advanced technical legal aid in the ratification and implementation of treaties countering international terrorism, serving as primary liaison and official representative of the United Nations with foreign governments, embassies, and consulates.

Maintain up-to-date with national ratification process of treaties/protocols at the National Congressional level of 27 African countries and 32 Latin American/Caribbean countries. Support program management operations and provide expert legal counsel to senior officials/directors in the areas of international aviation and counter-terrorism law as well as policy. Generate comprehensive performance reports. Organize conferences attended by ambassadors/country reps/staff members.

- Impacted the performance of criminal justice officials in relation to counter-terrorism through expert direction of training operations.
- Served a pivotal role in the quest for capturing over \$7M worth of funding from Belgium, US, Canada, UK, Sweden, and Denmark through the expert drafting of funding proposals.
- Orchestrated the implementation of multimillion-dollar training/technical assistance programs in the Middle East and Eastern Africa by drafting funding proposals to secure government support of donor nations and coordinating efforts to ensure the effective delivery of necessary assistance.

#### **EUROCONTROL, Brussels, Belgium • 2005-2006**

The European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation in Europe. Organization is comprised of 5,000 upper air traffic management experts.

##### **Legal Researcher**

Supported the Director of Legal Services in preparing for and participating in meetings with government and international organizations. Conducted the expert assessment of environmental concerns in relation to air traffic management. Facilitated compliance with environmental and international commitments through planning and delivery of presentations on legal compliance topics. Performed legal research on international aviation law/policy.

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### EUROCONTROL Cont.

- Contributed to establishment of the European Upper Information Region (introducing a clearing house equipped to collect/distribute atmospheric and meteorological data to airlines and other countries). Participated in preparatory drafting efforts, provided expert legal/regulatory/institutional counsel, and delivered analysis reports on International Civil Aviation Organization standards/practices compliance.
- Enhanced organizational performance through comprehensive analysis of the environmental elements of the Single European Sky Regulations as well as the role of EUROCONTROL in the addition of aviation into the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme.
- Achieved top commendations for advanced contributions to organizational performance ranging from legal expertise to strategic planning.

### UNITED STATES FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, Brussels, Belgium • 2005

Office of the Chief of Counsel, Europe and the Middle East.

### Legal Researcher

Administered the overall analysis of type certifications and mutual recognition agreements for regulatory licenses among the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA), the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

- Supported the assignation of FAA airworthiness and type certifications to foreign officials, serving as liaison with the United States Department of Justice to ascertain the legality and qualifications of individuals.
- Ensured that the Iraq Civil Aviation Act complied with international aviation standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization through comprehensive analysis.
- Provided expert legal support to the Chairman of the Draft Committee for the Regulations and Procedures of the International Registry for Security Interests focused on the Cape Town Convention on Mobile Assets and the Aircraft Protocol of 2001.

### EDUCATION

#### Master of Laws, LL.M. International Air and Space Law

University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands

- *Thesis:* "The Inclusion of International Aviation Emissions into the European Union Emission Trading Scheme: A Legal and Economic Analysis"

#### Juris Doctor

California Western School of Law, San Diego, California

- *Study Abroad Programs:* University of Leiden (The Netherlands), College of Law of England and Wales (England), University of Malta (Malta)

#### Bachelor of Arts in History

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

**Select Coursework:** Public Air Law, Private Air Law, European Union Aviation Law and Community Policy, International Business/Labor Law, Aviation Financing, Law and Governance in Developing Countries, Political and Legal Philosophy, European Union Law, Competition Policy, International Trade, Commercial Transactions, and Comparative Constitutional Law

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fluent in English with knowledge of Spanish and French

Awaiting Bar Examination Results (May, 2007)

USA Citizen

\*\*\* List of Academic Awards/Honors and Volunteer Activities Available Upon Request \*\*\*

\*\*\* Willing to Relocate \*\*\*