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### INTERNATIONAL AVIATION LAW and POLICY SPECIALIST

- Excellent skills in legal research, policy analysis and writing.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively deliver oral presentations and instructional demonstrations.
- Extensive experience in governmental agencies and intergovernmental organizations.
- Dedicated to finding creative policy and business solutions within the law.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Terrorism Prevention Branch

##### Specialist Consultant in International Aviation law and Program Management

Vienna, Austria: 2007-Present

- Principle liaison with the International Civil Aviation Organization in **developing specialized training assistance** programs for civil aviation professionals and criminal justice officials on counter-terrorism aspects of international law. Special emphasis is given to crash site accident investigation methodologies, evidence collection prosecutorial techniques.
- Oversee and **coordinate the training of criminal justice officials** on international counter terrorism law.
- Act as principal liaison and **official contact representing the United Nations** to foreign governments, embassies, and consulates in providing technical legal assistance for the ratification and implementation of treaties countering international terrorism.
- **Draft funding proposals** seeking governmental support for multi million dollar **training and technical assistance** programs in the Middle East and Eastern Africa.
- **Provide program management support** as well as specialized legal advice to senior officials and directors concerning international aviation and counter-terrorism law and policy.

#### EUROCONTROL, Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation in Europe, Legal Services Directorate,

##### Legal Researcher

Brussels, Belgium: 2005-2006

- Assisted and **prepared the Director of the Legal Services** for multiple meetings with governments and international organizations.
- Participated in the creation of the European Upper Information Region: attended preparatory drafting meetings and **provided immediate legal, regulatory and institutional advice**, in oral and written form, delivered analysis on compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization Standards and Recommended Practices.
- **Evaluated environmental issues in air traffic management**: acted as representative for the Legal Service in various meetings with internal and external stakeholders; analyzed reports on environmental elements of the Single European Sky Regulations; evaluated the potential regulatory role of EUROCONTROL regarding the inclusion of aviation into the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme.
- **Delivered presentations** on legal compliance issues concerning environmental and international obligations.

#### United States Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Europe and the Middle East,

##### Legal Researcher

Brussels, Belgium: 2005

- Worked extensively with **type certifications** and mutual recognition agreements for **regulatory licenses** between the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA), the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and the FAA.
- **Liaison with the United States Department of Justice** in determining the legality and qualifications of foreign officials delegated the duty to issue **airworthiness** and type certifications within the mandate of the FAA.
- Performed in depth analysis of the **Iraq Civil Aviation Act for compliance with international aviation standards** promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.
- Assisted the Chairman of the Draft Committee for the Regulations and Procedures of the International Registry for Security Interests pursuant to the Cape Town Convention on Mobile Assets and the Aircraft Protocol of 2001.

## EDUCATION

- **University of Leiden, the Netherlands - Masters of Laws, LL.M. International Air and Space Law 2006**

Courses included: Public Air Law, Private Air Law, European Union Aviation Law and Community Policy, International Business Law and Aviation Financing.

Thesis:

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

- **California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA - Juris Doctor 2004**

Study Abroad Program at the University of Leiden, the Netherlands. Fall 2003

Courses included: Law and Governance in Developing Countries, Political and Legal Philosophy, European Union Law and Competition Policy.

Study Abroad Program at the College of Law of England and Wales in London, England Summer 2002

Courses included: International Trade and Commercial Transactions.

Study Abroad Program at the University of Malta, Summer 2002

Courses included: International Labor Law, Comparative Constitutional Law.

- **University of North Texas, Denton TX Bachelors of Arts, Major – History 1999**

## LANGUAGES

- English: Native Speaker - Excellent proficiency in orally delivering legal arguments and written drafting
- Spanish: Basic knowledge
- French: Very good understanding, adequate ability to read technical documents.  
Currently enrolled in United Nations French language course.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Received High Honors by making the top scores in both Public Air Law and Private Air law in the fall of 2004 At the University of Leiden.
- Received High Honors by making the top score in Introduction to Air and Space Law during the fall of 2003 at the University of Leiden.
- Received High Honors by making the top score in Antitrust law in the fall of 2002 at California Western School of Law.
- Finalist in the Legal Skills Moot Court Appellant Competition in the fall of 2002 at California Western School of Law.
- Chair of Fundraising for the California Western School of Law Environmental Law Society
- Organized fundraising events with guest speakers from local and state governments.
- Organized member meetings, beach clean up activities, as well as hiking and other outdoor excursions.
- Created and marketed consumer products for California Western Environmental Law Society fundraisers and used those funds to buy Environmental Protection Agency credits to prevent two tons of particulate matter from entering the atmosphere and creating acid rain.