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Christoph Mlinarchik, JD is a licensed attorney, published author of 40+ scholarly articles, and frequent lecturer on contract law and acquisitions. He is currently a Contract Specialist for the Washington Headquarters Services, Acquisition Directorate, where he negotiates and manages contracts for the Pentagon, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and other Department of Defense missions and activities.

Prior to joining WHS, Mr. Mlinarchik worked for the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC/SMC), supporting highly-complex, ACAT I, space-based weapons systems contracts, vital programs for national security, global communications, and the launch of public and private space assets. Programs included Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM), Launch Ranges, GPS, and Satellite Control Network.

Mr. Mlinarchik previously served as a JAG Attorney at the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, providing legal advice on acquisition matters and contracts for HQ Air Force Space Command, HQ NORAD, HQ USNORTHCOM, HQ USSTRATCOM, and Cheyenne Mountain AFS. Mr. Mlinarchik also previously served as a Procurement Analyst and member of the Policy Committee of AFSPC/SMC, where he oversaw high-profile source selections and provided specialized research and advice on cutting-edge acquisition topics to Contracting Officers.

Mr. Mlinarchik has been published extensively as an authority in the areas of Government contract law, major systems acquisitions, protests, litigation, and Department of Defense policy and procurement. Mr. Mlinarchik's articles have been featured in The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force's Reporter, Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisitions' The Source, Air Force Litigation Newsletter, AFSPC/SMC Newsletter, the Legal Information Institute, Space Observer, American Jurist, Army Reserve Contracting Newsletter, NCMA, Where in Federal Contracting (www.wifcon.com), and Martindale.com (LexisNexis).

Mr. Mlinarchik has also presented numerous speeches and training programs about Government contract law and acquisitions to several different Department of Defense contracting directorates. Mr. Mlinarchik was the guest lecturer on contract law for the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), as well as the guest speaker on "Power, Influence, and Leadership" at the United States Air Force Academy, where he taught the future best and brightest Air Force Officers.

Mr. Mlinarchik graduated from the University of Virginia with a double major in Economics and Foreign Affairs, and earned his Juris Doctor (JD), *cum laude* (with honors) from American University in Washington, D.C. During his legal education, Mr. Mlinarchik worked concurrently at the nationally renowned law firm of Williams & Connolly LLP while attending night classes, earned several scholarships, and was recruited into the Government's most prestigious graduate-level hiring program for future leaders, the Presidential Management Fellowship.

PUBLICATIONS:

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Chess and Litigation, 21 AMERICAN JURIST 22 (2008)
Trademark deadline for Facebook users approaching, Martindale.com, LexisNexis.com, SaulEwing.com

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (JD), *cum laude*, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Arts, double major in Economics and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

AWARDS

Contract Specialist of the Year (2012), Air Force Space Command SMC/SL
Civilian of the Quarter (4th quarter 2012), Air Force Space Command SMC/SL

ASSIGNMENTS

07/2013 – present: Contract Specialist, Washington Headquarters Services, Office of the SECDEF
02/2013 – 07/2013: Contract Negotiator, MILSATCOM, Satellite Control Network, AFSPC/SMC
10/2012 – 02/2013: Procurement Analyst, AFSPC/SMC Policy and Clearance Committee
06/2012 – 10/2012: Attorney, 21st Space Wing JAG Office, United States Air Force
05/2011 – 06/2013: Contract Manager, Launch Ranges, AFSPC/SMC
10/2010 – 05/2011: Contract Specialist, Satellite Control Network, AFSPC/SMC