

# **BIOGRAPHY**

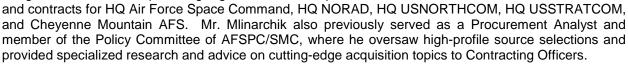
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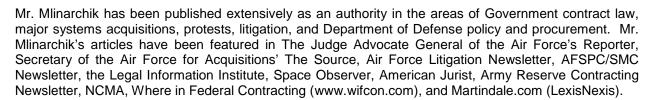
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Christoph Mlinarchik, JD is a licensed attorney, published author of 40+ scholarly articles, and frequent lecturer on contract law and acquisitions. He is currently a Contract Specialist for the Washington Headquarters Services, Acquisition Directorate, 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





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:**

Government Contracts Law: An Overview, Legal Information Institute, Cornell University Law School Intro to the Federal Acquisition Regulation, Legal Information Institute, Cornell University Law School Dangers of Source Selections: Debriefings, SAF/AQC, THE SOURCE (Feb 2013)



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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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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