# **RESUME:**

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# **PROFILE:**

- ◆ Environmental, Security, Management Consultant and Lawyer; Leader of Experts who developed first international standards (ISO) for integrated Risk/Security Management Systems;
- ◆ Former Director of Legal Counsel, US EPA Criminal Enforcement; Chairman of EPA/DOJ's Voluntary Disclosure Board; Chairman of G8 Nations Enforcement Project on Organized Crime;
- ◆ Senior Trial Prosecutor, President of the New Jersey Assistant Prosecutors' Association; Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice/Security Management, ECPI University of Technology.

### **EXPERIENCE:**

# (1) Chairman/CEO, Environmental Security International L3C (ESI) (2001 to Present)

Founding Principal and Chief Executive Officer of consulting firm which conducts assessments, investigations, and designs compliance programs; ESI implements Environmental and Security Management Systems conforming to standards for Best Practices; ESI provides training in the implementation and enforcement of environmental laws and best practices in risk assessment and security management; ESI offers facilitation, mediation, policy and legal services. Clients have included: NATO; EPA; DOD; DOE; WCO; Port Authorities and Public Utilities; Government Agencies, Associations and Corporations in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Select Accomplishments, Leadership Positions, and Publications:

- Transportation Research Board (TRB) Critical Infrastructure Protection Committees;
- Chair, US-Israel Working Group of Experts in Management Systems, Standards and Security. Facilitated agreement on first international standard for integrated Security Management System (SMS) now reflected in ISO 28000 standards and DHS Regulations;
- US Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) ISO TC8 for ISO DIS 20858 for Maritime Port Facility Assessment and Security Plan Development; ISO 28000, US ANSI Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) on Integrated Management System Standards; ANSI DHS Homeland Security Panel;
- Judge, Secretary of Defense Environmental Excellence Awards (2006 to present);
- Testified before Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee on environmental law enforcement, homeland security policy, audit and risk management system standards;
- Lead Investigator of pilot projects testing integrated security assessments, management system design, and implementation at critical infrastructure facilities, including ports;
- Chairman, Homeland Security Committee, American Bar Association (ABA), Section of Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources (SEER) (August, 2007 to 2010);

- Avoiding Liability from Security Mandates and Regulators with Integrated Management Systems. American Bar Association, International Law Newsletter, 2005.
- *Ecoterror: Rethinking Environmental Security after September 11<sup>th</sup>*. American Bar Association's Natural Resources and Environment Journal, Volume 16, Number 3, 2002. See: <a href="https://www.abanet.org/environ/pubs/nre/specissue/home.html">www.abanet.org/environ/pubs/nre/specissue/home.html</a>.
- The Hanging Chads of International Environmental Law: Towards the Better Use of Technology and Information Management to Detect Violations of International Agreements, Combat Transnational Crime, and Reform Environmental Law and Trade. National Environmental Enforcement Journal of Attorney Generals, January 2001.

# (2) Director of Legal Counsel and Resource Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency, OCEFT (1998-2000; Top Secret Clearance, GS-15)

Senior legal advisor to EPA's Director of Criminal Enforcement; Manager of the Legal Counsel and Resource Management Division; Led attorneys at Headquarters, field offices, and the National Enforcement Investigations Center; Chairman of EPA/DOJ's Voluntary Disclosure Board; Directed national and international investigations/enforcement initiatives.

# Select Accomplishments and Awards:

- Organized and moderated Symposium on the "Use of Technologies and Information Management to Detect Violations of International Agreements, Combat Transnational Crime, and Reform Environmental Law and Trade" NYU Law School, November 2000;
- Staff, President's Commission on Crime and Security in US Seaports; Report, 2000;
- Represented U.S. and 'Western Europe and Other Governments' nations at the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety. Brazil, October 2000;
- Represented U.S. at the Lyon Group of Senior Experts on Transnational Organized Crime for the 2000 G8 Nations' Summit. Kyoto, Japan, June 2000;
- State Department commendation for leadership in directing the G8 Nations' Sub-Group on Environmental Crime. Naples, Italy; March, 2000;
- Sustained Superior Performance Awards

#### Publication:

• Trial, Error, Performance: The Elements of Compliance Focused Environmental Management Systems, Environmental Protection Magazine; March, 2000.

# (3) Special Counsel, US EPA, Office of Criminal Enforcement (1993 to 1998; GS-15)

Senior Counsel to the Director for state, local, and international relations; Lead counsel for nationally significant investigations, policy, and legislative efforts; Directed special projects, investigations, and intergovernmental negotiations; Led initiatives and developed mechanisms for facilitating environmental enforcement capacity on the state and local levels; Represented EPA at national, regional, and international meetings. Lead counsel for management oversight, program re-organization, and internal investigations.

Achieved EPA's highest performance rating for each of these years: Outstanding.

# Select Accomplishments and Awards:

- Chairman of the G8 Nations' Environmental Law Enforcement Project (1998);
- Special Act Award for directing the "Exodus Asia" investigation and US/Asian enforcement network to prosecute illegal waste shipments to Asian nations (1997);
- United States Department of Justice Special Commendation for co-authoring EPA's Audit Policy, "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations." Federal Register Vol. 60, No. 246. (1996);
- Special Act Award for representing EPA on the White House task force, which drafted "The Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996." (1996);
- Special Act Award for leading negotiations with the Customs Service resulting in the Memorandum of Understanding between EPA and the US Customs Service (1996);
- Assistant Administrator's Bronze Medal for contributions to building environmental enforcement capacity on the state, local, and international levels (1995);

# Select Publications and Speeches:

- The Odyssey and Opportunities of Environmental Enforcement in an Information Age
  Keynote Address at the International Conference on Implementation of the right to
  Environmental Information in Europe; Mediterranean Institute of Crete, Greece, 1998;
- The G-8 Summit Leaders' Focus on Environmental Enforcement—the Mandate for Expanded Enforcement Cooperation to Combat International Environmental Crime and a Case Study: Project Exodus Asia. The National Environmental Enforcement Journal of the National Association of Attorneys General. International Issue, (1998);
- *Innocents at Risk? The Rhetoric and Reality of Environmental Crime*. Environmental Lawyer, George Washington University/ABA, Volume 2, Number 3 at 835, June (1996);
- A United States perspective on Transboundary Investigations: Recent Cases and Essential Strategies for Interdicting International Environmental Crime, with Earl E. Devaney; 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Enforcement (1996);

# Select Accomplishments and Representations:

- Delivered the US presentation at the Ibero-American Congress on Environmental Crime to representatives from more than 30 nations of Americas; Mexico (1998);
- Delivered speech and paper on cooperative law enforcement to interdict environmental crime at the International Symposium on Tracking of Unknown Waste; Taiwan (1998);
- Representative to the G-8 Environment Ministers meeting to negotiate environmental enforcement and compliance agreement; England (1998).

# (4) Special Assistant to EPA's Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (1992-1993)

Senior advisor to EPA's top-ranking enforcement official; Assisted in managing EPA's Office of Enforcement; Principal liaison between the Assistant Administrator and high level officials within EPA, other federal and state agencies, Congress, and the private sector; Reviewed and provided counsel on enforcement cases, proposed settlements, policy initiatives, and legislation.

# (5) Trial Prosecutor, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Newark, New Jersey (1987 to 1992)

Managed the prosecution of hundreds of felony indictments each year in the Superior Court of New Jersey; Lead prosecutor in more than 50 jury trials.

- **Highest conviction rating of Assistant Prosecutors** assigned to the adult trial courts for the 90-91 term. 100% conviction rate in homicides; all cases affirmed on appeal.
- President of the New Jersey Assistant Prosecutors' Association (1989-1991)

  Led organization in new directions; Directed Association's first efforts to assert positions on legislation, insure members, and organize training; Re-elected to second term.

#### (6) Law Secretary to Superior Court Judge

(1986-1987)

Assisted the Court in all litigation before it; Responsible for legal research, draft of legal opinions, rulings, and jury instructions, as well as acting as a liaison for the Court.

• **Mediator**, Superior Court. Trained and certified by the New Jersey Department of Public Advocate as a Mediator. Met with litigants to facilitate settlements before trial.

# (7) Law Intern, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Appellate Section

(1984-1986)

Wrote Appellate Briefs for the State; Responded to appeals filed by defense counsel. Responsible for trial briefs, memoranda of law, motions, and arguing Municipal Appeals.

• Legal Intern, New Jersey Senate Majority Staff, Trenton, New Jersey (1985-1986)

Analyzed legislation and drafted bills for the Director of the Senate Majority and the Senate President. Analysis focused on policy and constitutional impacts of proposed legislation.

#### **EDUCATION**

**Seton Hall Law School,** Newark, New Jersey; J.D. conferred in 1986; Member of the Seton Hall Legislative Journal and Bureau, Juvenile Justice Clinic and Appellate Moot Court.

**Cornell University,** Ithaca, New York; B.A. conferred in 1982; Major in History; Concentrations in Government and English; Cornell-in-Washington Honors Program, 1980.

• White House Intern, Washington, D.C., Office of Congressional Liaison (1980)

#### **Other Qualifications:**

# Member of the New Jersey and Federal Bars since 1986;

Dozens of continuing legal education courses and conferences as faculty and speaker in federal environmental laws, enforcement policy, legislation, criminal justice, international law, national security, public administration, quality management, constitutional law, and counter terrorism;

Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Management, ECPI University (2009-2012);

Virginia Red Cross Board of Directors, (PWC) Chairman Governance Committee (2006-2009);

Chairman, Foundation for Democracy and Rule of Law for Regions in Conflict (2012-present);

# References available upon request