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Top Skills

Legislative Drafting
Legal Document Interpretation
Legal Document Analysis

Publications

Knowing When to Say No and Providing a Way Forward: The Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) and the Advising Judge Advocate

Getting Beyond Good Enough in Contingency Contracting

Marlin Paschal

General Counsel
San Antonio, Texas, United States

Summary

Specialties: Litigation - Government Contracts, Criminal

Experience

U.S. AbilityOne Commission

General Counsel

August 2021 - Present (3 years 4 months)

Washington, United States

Responsible for providing legal advice to the Commission members and the operational and administrative staff of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission (Commission). I also research, advise, and provide legal analysis on a variety of issues, as directed by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Executive Director. I am responsible for responding to inquiries for legal research and analysis regarding all aspects of the AbilityOne Program. These issues range from complex procurement law matters and modernizing the program to align it with cotemporary disability law and modern procurement practices. My office is also responsible for overseeing the development of all policies and regulations for the Commission.

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Professor of Practice

January 2018 - Present (6 years 11 months)

San Antonio, Texas Area

I teach (part-time) Federal Courts & Constitutional Law (Spring) and Contracts & Legal Research and Writing (Fall) for the Policy and Law Department at the University of Texas – San Antonio (UTSA)

Defense Health Agency

General Attorney

July 2020 - July 2021 (1 year 1 month)

San Antonio, Texas, United States

Provided professional legal support and advice to the Defense Health Agency (DHA) and the contracting centers, regional contracting offices and contracting officers under its command on the acquisition of medical health care services,

and other medical services, supplies. This position also required special duties supporting the U.S. Army Health Contracting Activity (USAHCA) and U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM).

US Army

16 years

Legal Advisor - IMCOM Acquisition Directorate

June 2018 - December 2019 (1 year 7 months)

San Antonio, Texas Area

Serves as the principal legal advisor to the Senior Contracting Executive (SCE) for the newly formed Acquisition Directorate. The Directorate was stood up in June 2018 to provide strategic oversight of IMCOM's \$5 Billion service contract portfolio.

Military Deputy Chief Counsel - MICC

June 2017 - July 2018 (1 year 2 months)

San Antonio, Texas Area

Assigned to the Mission Installation Contracting Command (MICC) at Joint Base San Antonio (Fort Sam Houston). Responsible for the General Law portfolio, training, and military readiness.

Resident ILE

July 2016 - July 2017 (1 year 1 month)

Kansas City, Missouri Area

Resident ILE at Fort Leavenworth Kansas - Command and General Staff College.

Professor & Vice Chair

July 2014 - July 2016 (2 years 1 month)

Charlottesville, Virginia

Managed a super-star team of six assistant professors, several adjuncts and numerous guest lecturers. Revised the content for the contract law curriculum to make it more responsive to the way contract law is actually practiced in the field. Taught contract and fiscal (K&F) law classes to more than 1,000 students attending the Officer Basic Course (OBC), the ABA accredited Master of Laws graduate degree program (GC) and other short courses.

Command Judge Advocate

June 2012 - June 2014 (2 years 1 month)

Fort Shafter, Hawaii

Served as the legal advisor to the Commander & Principle Assistant Responsible for Contracting(PARC) for the full range of legal and policy issues

affecting the Army's area of responsibility (AOR) in the Pacific Command (PACOM). Provided comprehensive ethics; procurement fraud, and acquisition and fiscal law training and instruction to contract personnel.

LLM Candidate

June 2011 - May 2012 (1 year)

Charlottesville, Virginia Area

LLM - Specialty Public Procurement and Fiscal Law.

Chief, Contract and Fiscal Law

June 2009 - June 2011 (2 years 1 month)

Wiesbaden Area, Germany

Served as the primary legal advisor for contracting officer at the 409th Contract Support Brigade – Wiesbaden office, when I wasn't deployed. Provided advice and support throughout each phase of contract formation and administration, including acquisition planning, contract type, solicitations, J&As, negotiations, source selection, contract award, modifications, delivery/task orders, suspension and debarments, and Requests for Equitable Adjustment.

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Served as Chief of Contract and Fiscal law for 1AD and United States Division – Center (USD-C) at Camp Victory, Iraq from January – December 2010.

Advised commanders, staff officers, and brigade judge advocates on all matters related to Contract and Fiscal law. I was responsible for supervising one other KFL attorney at the division level and providing oversight over five other attorneys at our subordinate commands throughout Baghdad and the Al Anbar region.

Trial Attorney

June 2007 - June 2009 (2 years 1 month)

Arlington, VA

Represented the Army in numerous complex bid protest actions and government contract disputes at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA), and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Trial Counsel

January 2004 - May 2007 (3 years 5 months)

Korea

Served as the lead litigator for 2ID. Litigated several contested courts-martial, to include two high profile rape cases. I also litigated numerous guilty pleas in cases ranging from larceny to child pornography.

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

MA, Philosophy · (2001 - 2003)

University of Illinois College of Law

Doctor of Law (JD) · (2000 - 2003)

Saint Louis University

BA, Philosophy & Political Science · (1997 - 2000)