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CAREER OBJECTIVE:

Highly motivated former judge advocate with over 5.5 years of direct experience in criminal, administrative, international and regulatory law seeks a fulfilling legal career at the Law Firm of Puckett & Faraj, PC.

'An extremely dedicated and hard working attorney', '[his] talents are limitless, a consummate professional'
'excelled in an extremely demanding position'— excerpts from various evaluation reports

▪ Self-Starter ▪ Common Sense Analyst ▪ Effective Communicator ▪ Problem Solver ▪ Efficient Organizer ▪ Quick Learner

RELATED SKILLS:

Leadership/Planning:

- Lead First Armored Division Client Services Office in the delivery of legal services to over 20,000 Servicemembers and civilians in Iraq; supervise 2 attorneys, 4 paralegals, and 2 interpreters
- Serve as the President of the Foreign Claims Commission; adjudicate real-estate and foreign claims in Iraq, investigate, negotiate, and settle over \$220,000 worth in claims
- Receive the 2006 Judge Advocate Claims Award for excellence in claims intake and processing
- Achieve one of the highest IRS acceptance rates after filing 2,000 returns; lead 11 tax preparers
- Receive one of the highest client satisfaction ratings as an office based on the 2006 Army survey

Trial Defense:

- Defend over 200 soldiers during criminal trials, administrative boards, and adverse administrative actions; conduct discovery, argue motions, *voir dire*, present arguments, use powerpoint
- 75 % of all court-martial clients were retained and allowed to retire following skillful sentencing presentations utilizing various media, saving them in close to \$2,000,000.00
- 80 % of all administrative separation board clients were retained allowing them to serve

Legal Assistance:

- Assist over 1,000 Servicemembers in legal issues ranging from adoptions, AR 608-99, SCRA, USERRA, USFSPA, SGLI, VA benefits, tax law, ABCMR, consumer protection, and others
- Assist over 300 Servicemembers in adverse administrative actions including G.O. letters of reprimand, financial liability investigations, hardship discharges, and letters of concern
- Assist over 50 Servicemembers in seeking immigration benefits, including I-130, K-Visa, I-485

Research/Analysis:

- Resolve over 160 complex procurement and defense contract actions to ensure the legality of over \$56,000,000 in construction, goods, and services projects in Iraq; analyze defense fiscal regulations and policies, review 50 investigations to ensure the legality of adverse actions
- Develop legal solutions under the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement to transfer Korean property on US property books; draft a MOU for the use of the land by US Forces near Erbil, Iraq
- Provide comprehensive and timely legal solutions in administrative, regulatory, fiscal, ethics, contract, tax, international, and regulatory matters; share lessons learned in databases
- Complete 90% of all legal reviews within 2 days; answer all phone calls within a day

EDUCATION:

2009-2011

Oxford University, United Kingdom (*all academic requirements to be completed by 12 Aug 2011*)
Master of Studies in International Human Rights Law

- Dissertation: *When Minority Groups Become 'Peoples' Under International Law*, forthcoming
- International Human Rights and Regulatory Bodies, regional treaties, security and human rights
- Moot Court: *Whether UN Security Council Resolution 1373 violates human rights*

April 2005

The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Virginia
Basic Course Diploma

- Studies in Criminal, Administrative, Fiscal, International, Ethics, Contract, Legal Assistance, Tax, and other areas of law, followed by hands-on application to real world legal scenarios

May 2004

City University of New York Law School at Queens College, New York
Juris Doctorate

- President: International Law Organization; Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
- Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic; Indep't Studies: *US foreign aid law in Columbia and Israel*

EDUCATION (continued):

June 2001 **Pace University**, New York (*Cum Laude*)
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Minor in Economics

- Representative: Model UN Team; Cadet: Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
- Award Recipient: International Honor Society in Social Science, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Hofstra University Dean's List, Pace University Second Honors, ROTC Honors Award

CAREER HISTORY:

01/2005-07/2010 **Judge Advocate, U.S. Army**, Germany, Iraq, US (*full time, 40 hours to 70 hours per week*)

07/2009-07/2010 Trial Defense Counsel: defend over 200 Soldiers in court martials, administrative separations, adverse actions, and non-judicial punishment; concurrently manage multiple cases; use databases

06/2008-07/2009 Administrative Law Attorney: advise on administrative, civil, and fiscal law; review over 160 fiscal law actions and 50 investigations for legal sufficiency; complete 90% of all legal reviews within 2 days; analyze GAO opinions, FOIA, and FAR, interact with senior officials

International and Operational Law Attorney: advise on law of armed conflict, including political and economic considerations; interact with civil agencies; inspect Baquba detention facility

09/2007-06/2008 Division Chief of Client Services: solve legal issues for 500 clients; develop and manage a conflict of interest program for legal assistance attorneys; brief senior leaders on legal trends

06/2006-09/2007 Claims Attorney: lead a team of 4; investigate and settle over 100 claims against the US

Military Magistrate (part-time): determine scope and limits of search authorizations

01/2006-06/2006 Tax Center Officer-in-Charge: create over \$2,000,000 in refunds and over \$100,000 in savings

04/2005-01/2006 Legal Assistance Attorney: develop solutions for 1,000 clients; research laws of over 30 states in consumer protection, debt, ethics, estate planning, domestic relations, international law and others

Victim-Witness Liaison Officer: obtain over \$60,000 in compensation for crime victims

10/2000-08/2001 **Paralegal Assistant, US Department of Justice, International Trade Field Office**
 Assist a team of 6 attorneys in exhibit preparation, filing court documents, and administrative tasks

ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

IT Skills: Proficient in Lexis-Nexis, Westlaw, MS Word, Power-point, Excel, Task Launcher, Outlook, IE

Languages: Polish (fluent), Russian (working knowledge)

OTHER COURSES:

- *The Judge Advocate General's Corps* 09/2009 Criminal Law Advocacy Course (14 days)
- *National Institute of Trial Advocacy* 07/2009 Sexual Assault Seminar (7 days)
- *United States Institute of Peace* 10/2010 Conflict Analysis Course (on line)

PUBLICATIONS:

- *When Minority Groups Become 'Peoples' Under International Law*, forthcoming
- Defense Counsel Advocacy Program Newsletter: *Strategies for Article 32(b) Hearings* (Fall 2010)
- The Army Lawyer: *What Every Soldier and Legal Assistance Attorney Should Know about SGLI* (November 2006)
- Herald Union and The Connection Magazine: *Warning: Do Not Back Up On Tiger Teeth; Preventing ID Theft - Act Now, Avoid Falling Victim to Predatory Lending* (various dates)
- ILSA Journal: *Legitimizing Humanitarian Intervention Through International Obligations Erga Omnes* (October 2003)

PRESENTATIONS (selected):

- 'US Army Foreign Claims Mission and New Iraqi Claims Law' Tikrit City Council, 05/2008, Tikrit, Iraq
- 'Erga Omnes Obligations' International Law Students Association's Spring Conference, 03/2004, Washington DC

INTERVIEWS:

- Jim Foley 'The Price of One Iraqi Life' (June 2008) *In These Times* www.inthesetimes.com

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

run, read history books, play chess, travel