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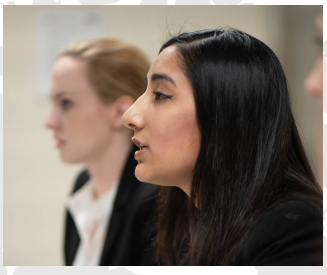
CLARA BARTON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

March 13 to March 15, 2020
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

American Red Cross

ICRC





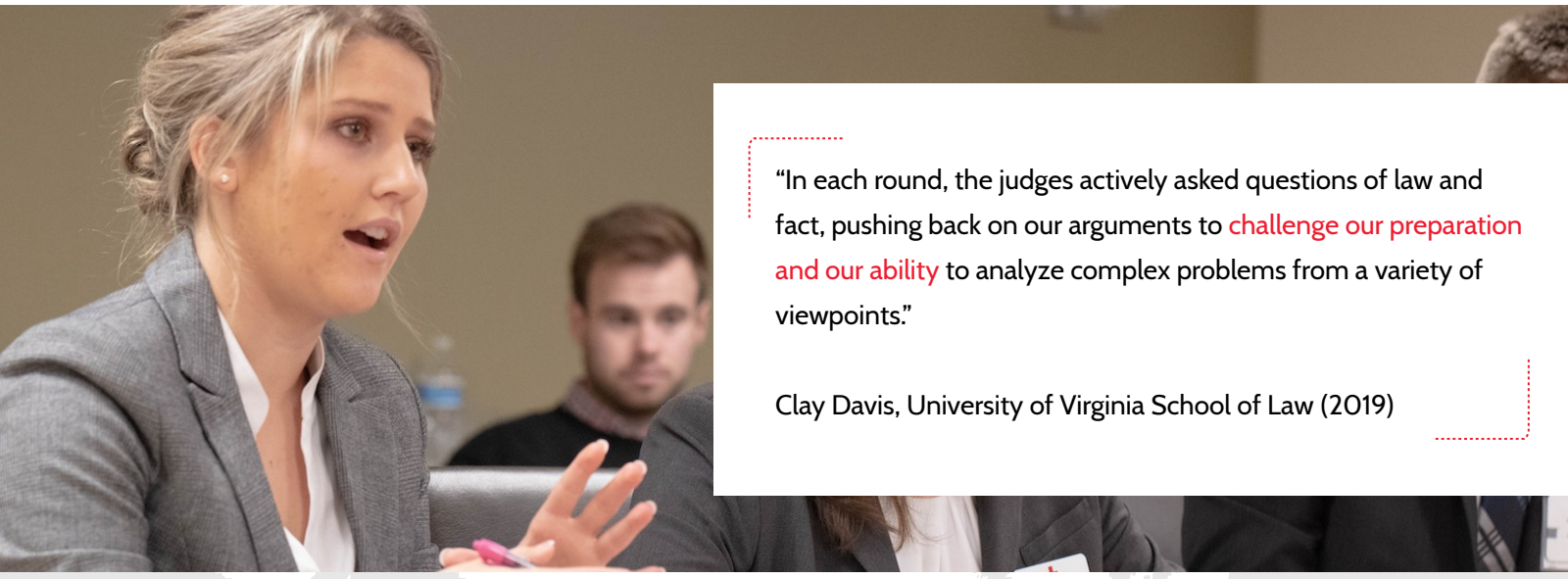




Welcome to the 7th Annual Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition! It is hard to believe that we are in our seventh year of this amazing competition. The Clara Barton IHL Competition is an opportunity to bring together leading IHL practitioners, law students, and military academy cadets in the United States and other countries in the Americas to explore this fascinating area of law. We once again are holding the competition in the national headquarters of the American Red Cross. In the late 1800s, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross to help alleviate the suffering of victims of armed conflict and other disasters, a vision that we continue to work towards today.

The American Red Cross, in partnership with the Clara Barton Competition Corporation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), believes this competition also continues to embody the spirit of Clara Barton's work. As the only annual legal competition in North America with a concentration on international humanitarian law, the Clara Barton IHL Competition provides a unique and experiential opportunity for law students and military cadets to build IHL competency. It provides a foundation for building a network of likeminded people and serves as a gateway to professional opportunities in international humanitarian law. Please take the time to meet and forge friendships with the other participants, judges, and committee members.

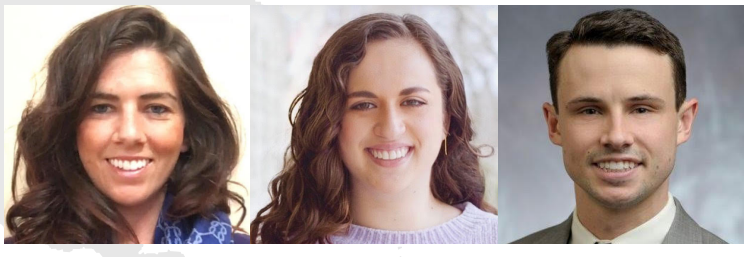
We wish each team the best of luck during the competition!



"In each round, the judges actively asked questions of law and fact, pushing back on our arguments to challenge our preparation and our ability to analyze complex problems from a variety of viewpoints."

Clay Davis, University of Virginia School of Law (2019)

MEET THE COMPETITION



1 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

Autumn Claybaugh / Erica Levin / Stephen Keith



2 GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Christina Saad / Jesse Flowers / Mary Beth Schults



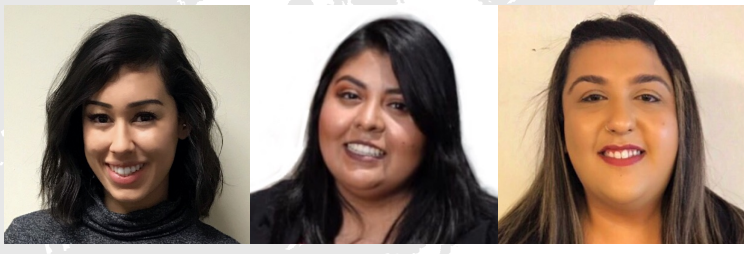
3 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Fangyuan Zhou / Rachel Finn / Xiyu Wan



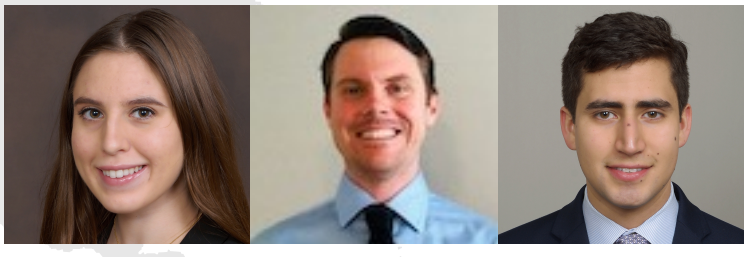
4 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW

Claire Davidson Fisher / Maria Protic / Thomas Collier



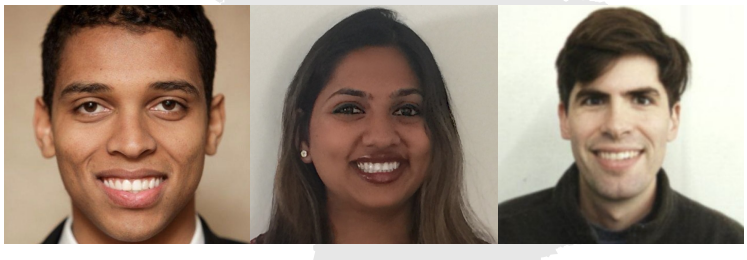
5 SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Caterin Miralda / Marili Iturbe Guadarrama / Nahzaneen Yasin



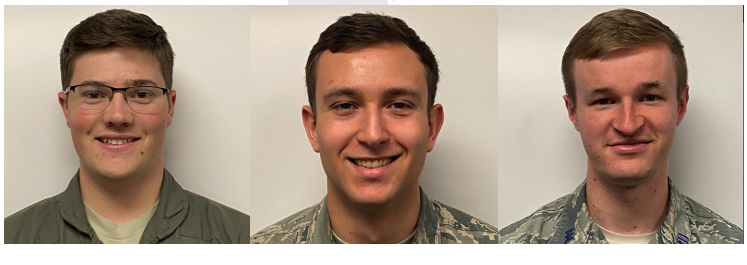
6 SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW HOUSTON

Elizabeth Marx / Matthew Graham / Mattias Gallegos



7 UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

Ajwang Rading / Anjani Nadadur / Harrison James



8 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Grant Fogle / Joshua Weisleder / Matthew Pryor



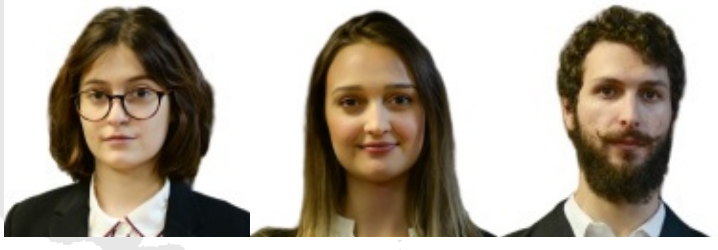
9 UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

John Paik / Marcus Redman / Robert H. Still, III



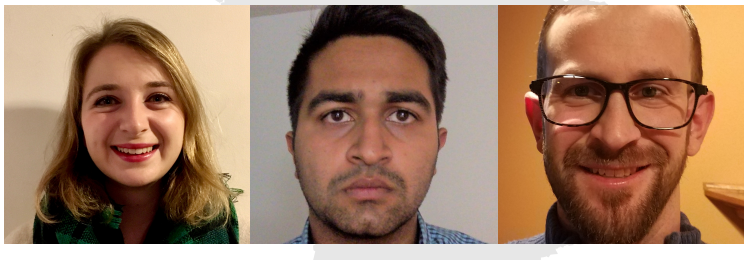
10 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Kathleen Rock / Sam Lick / Sam Paparo



11 UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL

Ana Carolina Marques Castiglio / Camilla Lacerda Siquiera / Felipe Gobatto Scheibler



12 UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Maxine Jacobs / Robert Mathai / Scott Jorgenson



AMANDA GRAFSTROM

BACKGROUND

Amanda Grafstrom is an attorney currently based in Minneapolis. Prior to that, she served in both the Chambers and the Office of the President at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). As an attorney in the Chambers, she worked on the conviction of three senior government officials for committing genocide as members of a leadership-level conspiracy in Prosecutor v. Karemera et al. and the Tribunal's final trial judgement in Prosecutor v. Ngirabatware, among others. As Legacy Program Coordinator in the President's Office, she implemented key programming to preserve the legacy and key accomplishments of the work done at the Tribunal as well as to commemorate the 20th Annniversary of the Rwandan genocide. She also worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and as a law clerk for District Judge Joseph Evans.



ARTHUR TRALDI

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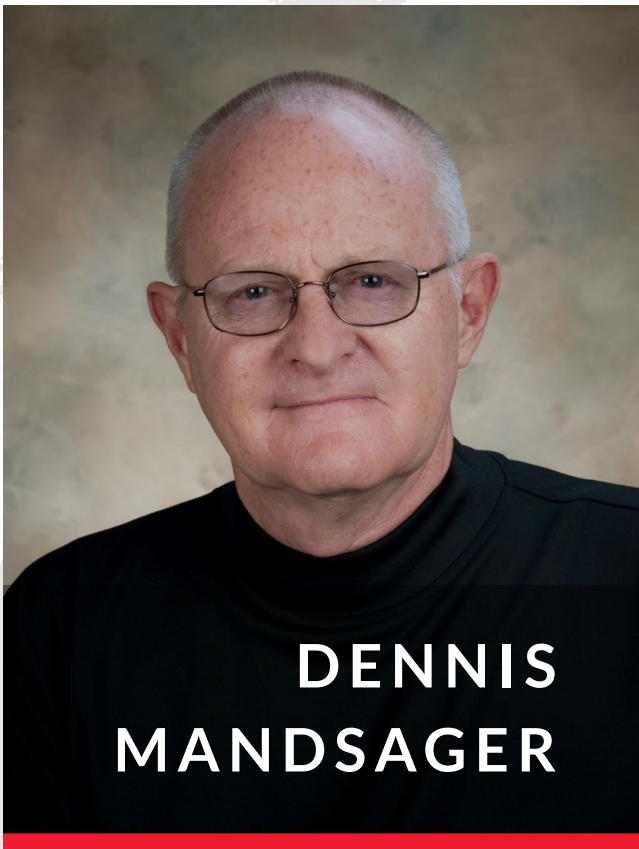
Arthur Traldi served as a prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia for almost eight years, giving portions of closing arguments in the trials of two leadership-level defendants who have been convicted of crimes against humanity. He previously served at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the War Crimes Chamber of the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina and as a judicial clerk at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Since leaving the Hague, he regularly advises on investigations and best practices in mass atrocity litigation and lectures at colleges and law schools around the United States.



CHARLIE MARTEL

BACKGROUND

Charlie Martel is Acting Deputy Director for Washington Advocacy for Human Rights Watch. He is a human rights and national security lawyer whose career has included teaching as a law school professor, service with the U.S. Senate as investigative counsel, and management roles in humanitarian non-profits, and private law practice. Charlie taught national security legislation and legal professionalism with the Washington and Lee University School of Law and legal writing with the American University Washington College of Law. He has written academic law journal articles, congressional reports, and essays in prominent online publications. Much of this writing addressed issues of human rights, humanitarian law and policy, and national security. Charlie served in lead roles in U.S. Senate investigations as Counsel to the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. Over the past three years, he has done a great deal of volunteer work with immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the United States and internationally. Charlie has a master's degree in international human rights law from the London School of Economics, a J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law, and an undergraduate Degree from Georgetown University



DENNIS MANDSAGER

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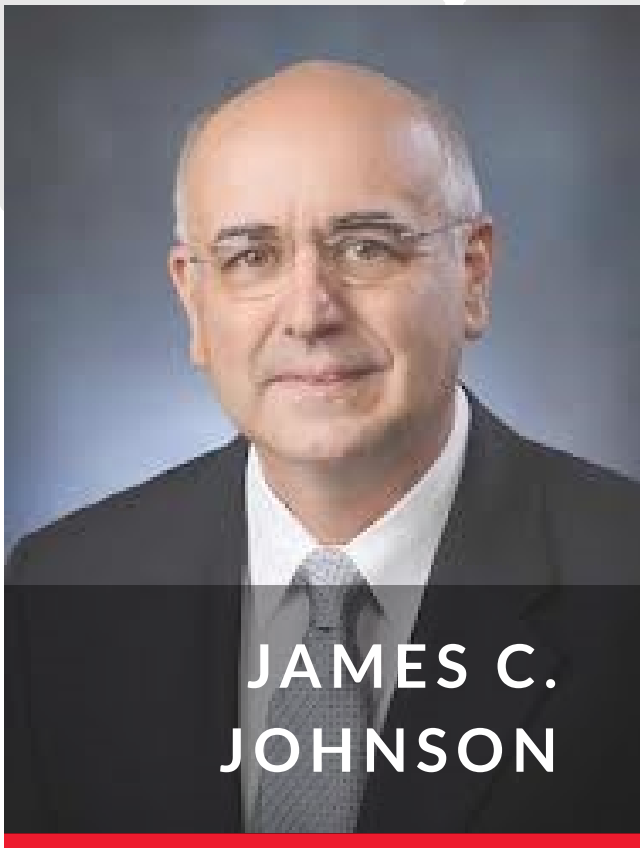
Captain Dennis Mandsager, JAGC, U.S. Navy (Retired) received his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law. He currently serves as a volunteer international humanitarian law (IHL) instructor for the American Red Cross and as Project Director for the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) San Remo Rules of Engagement Handbook project. He served over 30 years in the U.S. Navy and over 15 years as a professor on the faculty of the U. S. Naval War College, including 13 years as Chairmen of International Law Department. As a U.S. Navy surface line officer, Dennis served on USS McMorris (DE-1036), USS Whipple (DE-1062), and U.S. Naval Advisory Team, Qui Nhon, Viet Nam. As a judge advocate, his operational law assignments included Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) and Director of International Law, U.S. Naval War College; Assistant SJA, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Command, and NATO's Supreme Allied Command Atlantic; Fleet Judge Advocate, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet; Director, Navy JAG International Law Division and Deputy DOD/JCS Representative for Ocean Policy Affairs; Legal Advisor, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy, and Operations); Fleet Judge Advocate, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Pacific Command.



FEDERICO BARILLAS SCHWANK

BACKGROUND

Federico Barillas Schwank is a Senior Program Attorney at the District of Columbia Bar. Previously he was a Legal Advisor for International Humanitarian Law at the American Red Cross where he was responsible for training U.S. Government officials on the application of the Geneva Conventions. He also worked at the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He participated in both the Jean-Pictet and Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competitions and has been collaborating with the Clara Barton Competition since 2014.



JAMES C. JOHNSON

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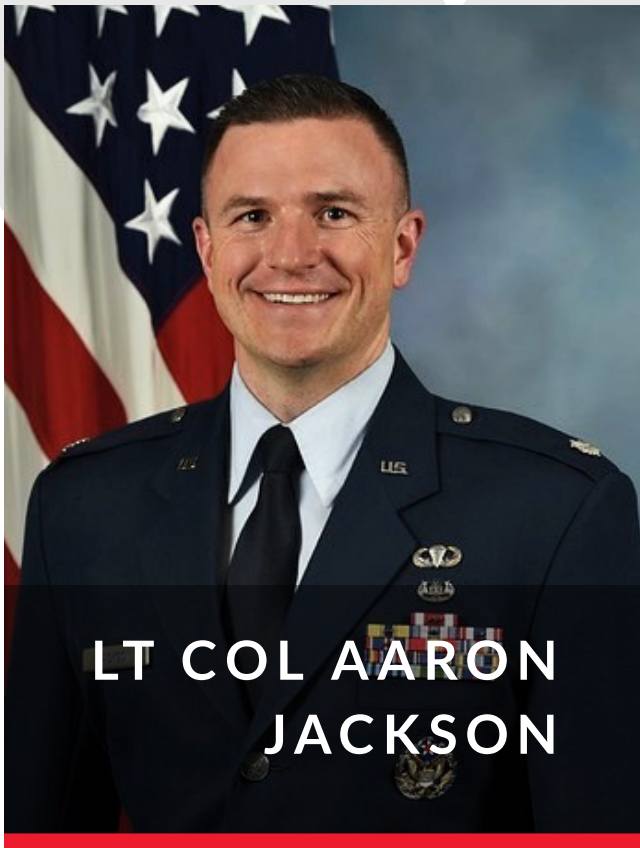
James C. Johnson was appointed Chief Prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone in September 2019, by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law, Director of the Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office and Faculty Advisor for the Yemen Accountability Project at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. From 2003 until 2012, Mr. Johnson served as the Chief of Prosecutions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone. As such, Mr. Johnson supervised trial and investigative teams, which prosecuted ten accused, including the former President of Liberia, Charles Taylor, for war crimes, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international law. Prior to joining the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Mr. Johnson served for 20 years as a Judge Advocate in the United States Army. He is Managing Director of the consulting firm, Justice Consultancy International.



JONATHAN HOROWITZ

BACKGROUND

Jonathan Horowitz serves as a Legal Advisor for the Washington Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross. In this capacity, he covers the Delegation's legal work on conduct of hostilities, new technologies in warfare, and partner relations. Prior, he was a legal advisor to the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar. Jonathan has also served as a senior legal officer for the Open Society Justice Initiative where he focused on issues of national security and counterterrorism. He has also investigated allegations of detainee and night-raid abuses in Afghanistan, advised on US detention policies at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, worked as a Sudan/Chad analyst at the International Criminal Court, and from 2005 to 2007 was a U.N. human rights officer in Sudan. Jonathan obtained his LLM from the University of Essex, has published on the application of human rights in times of armed conflict and human rights fact-finding methodologies, and is the author and co-author of several reports that document human rights abuses in the context of armed conflict and counterterrorism.



LT COL AARON JACKSON

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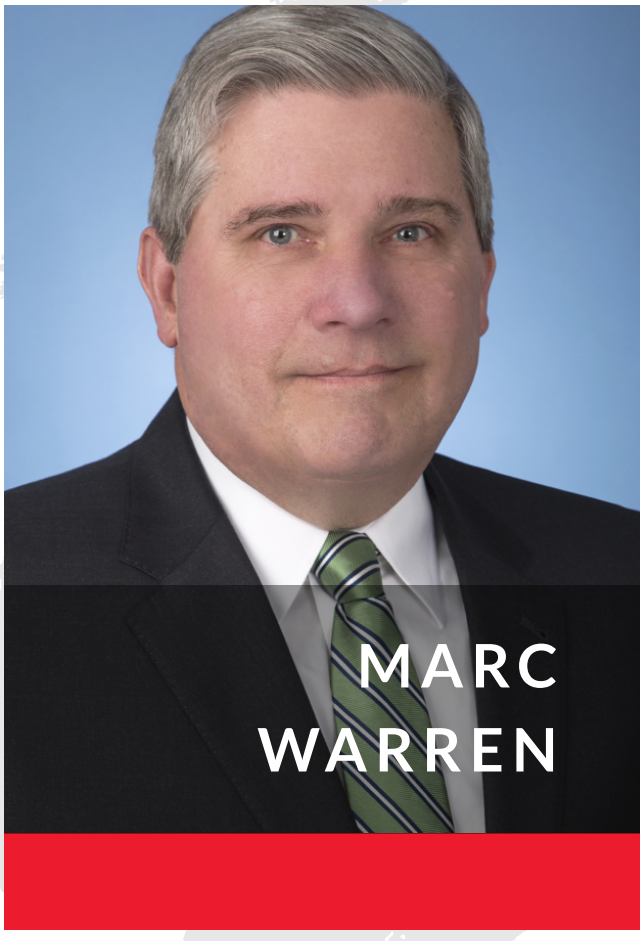
Lieutenant Colonel Aaron ("AJ") Jackson is an officer in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps and currently serves as Chief of the Military Command, Organization, and Structure Division in the Pentagon's Operations and International Law Directorate. Lt Col Jackson is a Distinguished Graduate from the US Air Force Academy. While a cadet, he was an NCAA athlete, team captain, and squadron commander. Lt Col Jackson served in the contracting career field before being competitively selected to join the JAG Corps through the Air Force's Funded Legal Education Program. He later received an LL.M in National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law from The George Washington University. Lt Col Jackson has served in a variety of legal capacities, to include Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Area Defense Counsel, Special Victims' Counsel, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, and Assistant Professor of Law at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he was the course director for the National Security Law program. Lt Col Jackson has also deployed twice as a Staff Judge Advocate, his most recent of which was to an undisclosed location supporting Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.



MAJ KEITH PETTY

BACKGROUND

Keith A. Petty is a Major in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, currently serving as Legal Liaison Officer for U.S. Army Europe at the U.S. Embassy, Berlin. He began his legal career as an intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, after which he co-taught the War Crimes Prosecution Seminar at Case Western Reserve University, School of Law. As a Judge Advocate, Keith has advised commanders during combat operations and humanitarian missions. He also served as a trial attorney at the Office of Military Commissions, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and later as Senior Defense Counsel at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Keith's scholarly works focus on international law, national security law, and legal ethics. He has published in the Michigan Journal of International Law, Utah Law Review, Georgetown Journal of International Law, and Seattle Law Review, among other law journals. He received an LL.M. with distinction in human rights law from Georgetown University Law Center and an LL.M. in military law from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. He earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he served as the editor-in-chief of Case Western's Journal of International Law. He earned his B.A. in English and Germanic Studies from Indiana University, Bloomington. (@Petty_KeithA)



BACKGROUND

Marc Warren is a partner and co-chair of the Aviation and Aerospace practice group at Jenner & Block, LLP, and the former acting chief counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration. He is a retired U.S. Army Judge Advocate whose military service included assignments as the senior legal officer for Multi-National Forces Iraq, Combined Joint Task Force Seven, V Corps, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Joint Special Operations Command, and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. While serving as the Chief of International and Operational Law at V Corps in Germany, Warren was the U.S. Forces Legal Liaison Officer to the trial of terrorist Mohammed Ali Hammadi, convicted of hijacking TWA Flight 847 and murdering U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem. He was the legal advisor to special operations forces involved in the capture of persons indicted for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia, including Serbian General Radislav Krstic, the first person to be convicted of genocide by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) for the massacre at Srebrenica. During the invasion and occupation of Iraq, he was the senior legal advisor for Coalition Forces. He received a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Florida; an LL.M. from The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army (TJAGSA); a master of strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College; and a S.J.D. from the University of Virginia. He is a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (ABA), serves on the Advisory Committee of the ABA Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law, and is President of the International Air & Transportation Safety Bar Association and Chair-elect of the ABA Forum on Air & Space Law. He is a former President of the Judge Advocates Association. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) and co-holder, with the late Colonel Waldemar A. Solf, of the Solf-Warren Honorary Chair in International and Operational Law, TJAGSA. He is a Professorial Lecturer in Law at The George Washington University Law School, and was a member of Operational Law Experts Roundtable that issued a report on the Gotovina judgment published in 2012 by the International Humanitarian Law Clinic at Emory University School of Law.



RICCARDA CHANDRA

BACKGROUND

Riccarda Chanda is the Swiss Embassy's legal adviser in Washington D.C., focusing on a broad range of political and economic topics, including international humanitarian law. Prior to her engagement in the US, she served as the head of legal, human security and culture affairs in New Delhi, India. While working at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs' International Organizations and United Nations Division in Berne, Switzerland, she focused on sanction policy, counter-terrorism, conflicts in the Middle East and coordinated Swiss initiatives, in particular on working methods, on accountability and the protection architecture of the Security Council. Riccarda joined the Corps Diplomatique Suisse in 2011 and served at the Swiss Embassy in Madrid prior to her engagement in Berne. Prior to her diplomatic career, Riccarda gained extensive multi-jurisdictional work experience while working as a lawyer in leading business law firms in Singapore and Zurich, at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, and as a trainee in an international law firm in New York. For several years, she further served as a judge at a Swiss district court. While a delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Côte d'Ivoire, she advised on a wide array of IHL issues. She successfully co-organized and managed the passage of liberated PoC to their homes and launched a life-saving nutrition program for 4,500 detainees. Riccarda obtained a double degree master of laws from the New York University and the National University of Singapore.



SASHA RADIN

BACKGROUND

Dr. Sasha Radin is a Senior Researcher at the Lieber Institute at West Point. She is specialized in the law of armed conflict and related bodies of law. Her research areas are on the legal and policy implications of emerging technology in conflict, on organized armed groups, and on conduct of hostilities issues. Previously, she worked for the International Committee for the Red Cross as the Managing Editor of the Humanitarian Law and Policy blog and at the U.S. Naval War College Stockton Center, as Associate Director of Research and Editor-in-Chief of International Law Studies. Prior to working at the Stockton Center, she was a Research Associate at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law at Melbourne Law School and a Researcher and Outreach Coordinator in the T.M.C. Asser Institute's International Humanitarian and Criminal Law Department in the Netherlands. In addition to her international law experience, she has worked onsite in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine with trade unionists and political opposition leaders. Her doctorate is from Melbourne University Law School (Organized Armed Groups under International Humanitarian Law). She has an LL.M. in International Law from Amsterdam University and a B.A. in Slavic Studies from Harvard University.




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