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# AARON JACKSON

# PARTNER

Aaron Jackson's practice focuses on the intersection of law, technology, and national security with practice areas including Government Contracts, Corporate Transactions, U.S. Export Controls, Regulatory Compliance, Privacy, Cybersecurity, and National Security Law. Prior to joining the firm, Aaron served 20 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, with over 14 years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Throughout his military career, Aaron served as a federal prosecutor, defense counsel, Air Force Academy professor, Pentagon counsel/advisor, and leader of numerous legal offices at-home and abroad. Aaron's final deployment was to an undisclosed location in the Middle East, where he served as General Counsel (Staff Judge Advocate) for an Air Expeditionary Wing supporting Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. While stationed at the Pentagon, Aaron was honored to serve as legal counsel for the U.S. Space Force Planning Task Force and was subsequently awarded "Outstanding Performer" recognition by the Secretary of the Air Force for his role in the historic "launch" of the United States Space Force, the sixth military branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. In his final military assignment, Aaron served as General Counsel (Staff Judge Advocate) for an elite Air Force Special Operations unit headquartered in Florida with numerous locations worldwide supporting United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). Passionate about developing people and teams, Aaron also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Texas A&M University School of Law. He also volunteers with The Honor Foundation, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to supporting members of the Special Operations community who are transitioning from active duty service. Aaron and his family currently reside in Niceville, Florida and are active in the local community.

## **EDUCATION**

- J.D. Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law
- LL.M. (Mater of Laws), The George Washington University
- B.S. United States Air Force Academy

#### **ADMISSIONS**

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- Supreme Court of Texas

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Air Force Academy Association of Graduates

# **TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

• Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University School of Law (2021-Present)

# PUBLICATIONS

- Cynical: Overcoming Today's Mindset with 7 Principles of Hope and Humanity (book, publication pending).
- The Law of Air, Space, and Cyber Operations (4th ed. 2020) (contributing author).
- Beyond Snowden: Understanding the Military Whistleblower Protection Act, THE REPORTER, Aug. 22, 2019, available at https://reporter.dodlive.mil/2019/08/beyond-snowden/
- Lawyers are Leaders: Applying the Air Force's Core Values to Your Daily Practice, TEXAS BAR BLOG (STATE BAR OF TEXAS), Jun. 5, 2019, available at https://blog.texasbar.com/2019/06/ articles/guest-blog/lawyers-are-leaders-applying-the-air-forces-core-values-to-your-daily-practice/#more-14177
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- National Competition Problem, 2017 Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition, Washington D.C. (lead author).
- Ready, Set, Post! The Influence of Legal Blogs in Today's Professional Landscape, The Reporter, Vol. 43, No. 3 (2016).
- The Law of Armed Conflict: Fundamentals for Air Force Officers, Law for Air Force Officers textbook (co-author), United States Air Force Academy (2016).
- Bridging the Gap: Amending FISA to Allow Seamless Surveillance of Foreign Terrorists Who Breach Our Nation's Walls, 4 Homeland & Nat'l Security L. Rev. 1 (2016).
- ISIS in the United States: Which Legal Regime Applies?, JUST SECURITY, Jan. 11, 2016, available at https://www.justsecurity.org/ 28745/isis-united-states-legal-regime-applies/ (last visited Jan. 11, 2016).
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- The Sky Is Not Falling: An Analysis of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace and the Proposed Identity Ecosystem, 10 Okla. J.L. & Tech. 74 (2015).
- Habeas Corpus in the Global War on Terror: An American Drama, 65 A.F. L. Rev. 263 (2010).
- Playing in the Mud: Lessons Learned in the Panamanian Jungle, The Reporter, Vol. 37, No. 3 (2010).
- Cyberspace . . . the Final Frontier: How the Communications Decency Act Allows Entrepreneurs to Boldly Go Where No Blog Has Gone Before, 5 Okla. J.L. & Tech. 45 (2009).
- Civilian Soldiers: Expanding the Government Contractor Defense to Reflect the New Corporate Role in Warfare, 63 A.F. L. Rev. 211 (2009).

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Meritorious Service Medal (x5)
- Meritorious Unit Award (x2)
- Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal
- Outstanding Academy Educator of the Year (United States Air Force Academy, Department of Law)
- Outstanding Young Judge Advocate of the Year (Headquarters Staff)
- Outstanding Young Judge Advocate of the Year (Air University)
- Company Grade Officer of the Year (Maxwell Air Force Base, AL)
- Professional Responsibility Award for Leadership (University of Oklahoma College of Law)
- Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District Hall of Fame
- Hurst-Euless-Bedford Sports Hall of Fame
- Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame

