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National Security Legal Counsel & Strategic Advisor

Melchior Baltazar brings extensive experience spanning national security law, military operations, corporate leadership, defense technology, and the U.S. Intelligence Community. He advises international defense companies and domestic innovators with emerging and dual-use technologies on entering and expanding in the U.S. defense and intelligence markets, addressing foreign-ownership and security requirements where applicable, establishing compliant operations, and pursuing opportunities across the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community.

A former U.S. Navy SEAL and Judge Advocate (JAG) officer, Melchior served in legal and operational leadership roles involving international law, special operations, counterterrorism, and intelligence.

In the private sector, he served as CEO and Chairman of the Special Security Agreement Board of the cleared U.S. subsidiary of a publicly traded British technology company, overseeing corporate governance, FOCI mitigation, classified operations, and government relationships. He also led a service-disabled veteran-owned defense company and held senior technology industry positions supporting defense and intelligence customers in artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and classified systems.

Melchior holds a J.D., M.A. in History, and B.A. in History and Government from the University of Virginia. He maintains an active TS/SCI clearance with Full Scope Polygraph.

Beyond his legal and national security career, Melchior is a published independent historian whose scholarship examines the paradox of liberty and slavery at the American founding. He is also a certified instructor in emotional intelligence, mindfulness, and yoga, and an Ironman triathlete, reflecting a lifelong curiosity about human nature, self-awareness, leadership, and the art of performing under pressure.

CREDENTIALS

Security clearance: TS/SCI with Full Scope Polygraph

Bar Memberships: Arizona

Military Service: U.S. Navy SEAL; U.S. Navy Judge Advocate (JAG)

Executive Leadership: Former CEO and Chairman of a DCSA mitigated SSA company; former CEO of a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) national-security company

National Security Technology: Artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity, data infrastructure, classified systems, and defense technology

Conference Speaker: Maritime security, aviation security, critical-infrastructure protection, transportation security, and emerging national-security technologies

Education: University of Virginia School of Law (JD), Senior Editor, Virginia Journal of International Law; University of Virginia (MA, History; BA, History and Government)

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