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Lawyer and former Foreign Service Officer with extensive work experience at the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. foreign affairs agencies, and skilled in:

- **Criminal Defense and Immigration**
 - **International criminal law**
 - **Public international law**
 - **Private international and family law**
 - **Human rights and humanitarian law**
 - **Press and public affairs**
 - **Project management in Central, Eastern, and Western Europe**
Top Secret Clearance (inactive)
 - **Federal law enforcement, including:**
 - **Asset forfeiture and money laundering**
 - **Computer crime**
 - **Counter-terrorism**
 - **Anti-corruption**
 - **Working with U.S. and foreign diplomatic officials in Washington, D.C. and many world regions**
 - **Languages: French and German**
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RUSSELL A. BIKOFF, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, Private law practice, 1620 L Street, NW, ste 610, Washington, D.C. 20036 *2005 to present*

- Criminal defense: 500 misdemeanors, felonies, and D.C./ traffic cases in D.C. Superior Court; judge and jury trials; appeals to D.C. Court of Appeals.
- Certified by Virginia Indigent Defense Commission for court appointed- criminal defense (felony), January 2015 to present.
- Immigration: Removal defense, Asylum. Estate planning and probate practice.
- Misc. federal civil litigation (employment discrimination; human trafficking).

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Criminal Division
Office of International Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Deputy Director, Associate Director, and Trial Attorney: 1998 to 2004

- Managed U.S. international law enforcement relationship with countries in Southeastern Europe and former USSR. Developed extradition relationship with Hungary under new treaty. Conducted training of Budapest organized crime task force. Litigated through U.S. Attorneys Offices extradition and mutual legal assistance (evidence) cases.
- Placed USDOJ prosecutors in U.S. embassies to manage extraditions, legal assistance, and bi- and multilateral treaties and policy. Oversaw creation of new case management database, design of analytical reports, and presentations to senior officials. Supervised administrative functions for OIA.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY, Washington, D.C.

Foreign Service and Civil Service Officer: 1987 to 1998

Deputy Staff Director, Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

Deputy Director, Training Division

Rule of Law Program Officer

- Created a Rule of Law program within the United States Information Agency (USIA) to assist democratic transitions in Eastern Europe and Soviet Union, 1989-91.
- Conducted six country study of needs of the legal systems in Central and Eastern Europe, leading to placement of long-term legal advisors from the U.S. in that region.
- Selected and prepared U.S. delegations to legal conferences in the Soviet Union and Hungary. Briefed U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy for Prague speech.

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U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL, Cape Town, South Africa

Deputy Director, Public Affairs Office: 1985 to 1987

- Administered U.S. financial assistance to groups in South Africa for economic development, human rights, and disaster relief.
- Presented U.S. policy to diverse audiences in South Africa and conducted press relations.

U.S. EMBASSY, Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany

Acting Press Attaché and Trainee: 1984

- Analyzed German attitudes toward the U.S. as part of Department of State policy review of NATO missile placement.
- Drafted speeches for senior Embassy officials.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, New York County, New York

Assistant District Attorney, Appeals Bureau: 1979 to 1983

Argued numerous appeals and wrote briefs filed in New York's intermediate and highest appellate courts. Wrote motions to defend state criminal convictions in federal courts.

Assistant District Attorney, Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor: 1976 to 1979

- Prosecuted felony narcotics and conspiracy cases in trial courts with extensive jury trial, grand jury, and investigation experience.

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Juris Doctor, 1976

Regional finalist, Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

BA in History, *magna cum laude*, and high honors (for senior thesis), 1973

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Bar: D.C. and Virginia Bars (formerly NY). Courts: U.S. Supreme Ct., Courts of Appeals (D.C., 2nd, and 4th), District Courts (D.C., SDNY, EDVA, DMD)

Member previously: Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association

Consular Corps of Washington, D.C.

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

District of Columbia Bar (Criminal Law and International Law sections)

committee vice chair, Int'l Criminal law; committee on Immigration and Human Rights

ABA (Criminal Law and International Law sections); Task Force on Int'l

Corrupt Practices; Private Sector Working group on Human Trafficking

Presentations: FBI Academy, Quantico, VA; Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, VA;

Consular Corps of Washington, D.C.

Publications: "Extradition and the U.N. Torture Convention: *Mironescu v. Costner*"

"Narcotics Conspiracy Law in New York" (monograph)