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**PROFILE:** First-hand reporting experience at *Foreign Policy* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Excellent writing and analytical ability. Legal expertise in international public, criminal, and corporate law. Work, study, and travel in nearly 50 countries. Familiarity with five languages, including advanced Spanish and Japanese. Excellent computer skills, including video editing, Excel, Boolean research, and web development. Member, Investigative Reporters and Editors Inc.

## JOURNALISM & ANALYSIS:

### FOREIGN POLICY

*Policy Analyst, Washington, D.C., January, 2018 – present*

*International reporter, Washington, D.C., October, 2017 – present*

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

*Freelance reporter, Washington, D.C., June, 2015 – October, 2017*

*Reporter, New York, October, 2014 – June, 2015*

Feature story: “Outside Auditors Get Asked In.” Breaking news stories: “Perella Weinberg Banker Charged in Insider Case” and “Warner Bros. Entertainment Names Kim Williams As Finance Chief.” Published in *Money & Investing*, *CFO Journal* and *Corporate Intelligence*. Editorial host at *WSJ CFO Network*.

*Freelance reporter, New York, July, 2014 – October, 2014*

Feature stories: “Firms Boost Their Spending on Startups” and “Pot Industry Puts on a Tie.”

*Intern reporter, New York, April, 2014 – July, 2014*

Section-front story: “Companies Detail Use of ‘Conflict’ Minerals.” Contributed to other section-front stories: “Lose Your Triple-A Rating? Who Cares?” and “Companies Map Contingency Plans as Ukraine Crisis Escalates.”

WASHINGTONIAN MAGAZINE, *writer, Washington, D.C., 2006*

*Wrote first-person story about internship at the Pentagon: “First Person: Pentagon Confidential.”*

## EDUCATION:

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, *Washington, D.C.*

*J.D. and Certificate in Transnational Legal Studies, 2013*

COLBY COLLEGE, *Waterville, Maine*

*B.A. in English and History, magna cum laude, with distinction, 2008*

CENTER FOR TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES, *London, United Kingdom, 2013*

*Focus: European Competition Law, Transnational Law, Int’l Human Rights Law, and Int’l Criminal Law.*

Examined trials of accused war criminals at the International Criminal Court and International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, The Netherlands. Mentored a visiting student in scholarly legal writing.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, *Paris, France, 2013*

*Focus: Int’l Corporate Law, European and Asian Constitutional Law.*

Participated in classes held at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne with fellow scholars from the U.S., France, Turkey, Mexico, Denmark, Singapore, among other countries. Learned from senior officials in French national law.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, *London, United Kingdom, 2012*

*Focus: European Union Law, and Public Int’l Law.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, *London, United Kingdom, 2007*

*Focus: British Political History, English Literature, and Archaeology.*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, *Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2005, 2007*

*Focus: Arab-Israeli Politics, Japanese History, and Astronomy.*

## OTHER WORK:

GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, *Itakura-machi, Gunma, Japan, 2008*

*Cultural Ambassador and English Instructor*

Selected by the Government of Japan to join the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program. Facilitated cultural exchanges between the U.S. and Japan as a member of the local board of English educators.

TOYO UNIVERSITY (東洋大学), *Itakura-machi, Gunma, Japan, 2008*

*English Instructor*

Developed curriculum and led advanced English classes.

INVESTMENT INTERNATIONAL INC. (インベストメントインタナショナル), *Tokyo, Japan, 2007*

*Business Consultant*

Worked directly for company CEO. Assessed the market for a Fortune 100 European client’s products in Japan, produced an advisory report for the CEO, and participated in important meetings with Japanese companies.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, *Washington, D.C., 2006*

*Assistant Action Officer, International and Domestic Counternarcotic Operations*

Researched and analyzed counternarcotic operations in Asia and submitted advisory report for senior officials in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Participated in high-level meetings.

## LANGUAGES:

English (native), Japanese (advanced), Spanish (advanced), French (limited), Italian (limited).