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Travis Hall is a shareholder with Bateman Seidel whose practice focuses on commercial, real estate, and construction defect civil litigation. Travis also practices military law by representing active duty, reserve, and National Guard service members in adverse administrative proceedings and courts-martial. Because of his international legal experience, Travis has represented both domestic and foreign businesses in trans-border commercial contract disputes and enforcement of foreign arbitration awards. Travis is also a member of Bateman Seidel's environmental and natural resources litigation group.

Prior to joining Bateman Seidel, Travis was a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the U.S. Army, completing 14 years of honorable service as both a sergeant and as a commissioned officer. Prior to law school, Travis was an Arabic, Spanish, and German linguist as well as a trained interrogator in military intelligence. Travis served in the Oregon National Guard during law school, and then returned to active duty as a Judge Advocate after graduating from Lewis and Clark College.

In his six years with the JAG Corps, Travis held two positions as a trial attorney, ending his military career as the Senior Defense Counsel for the Ft. Knox region. In this position, Travis represented those soldiers with the most complex legal challenges, including two high-profile cases of soldiers charged with combat-related offenses. In one case, Travis represented the first soldier charged with crimes arising from Afghanistan that later became subject of the Oscar award winning documentary, *Taxi to the Dark Side*. In the second case, Travis was featured in a nationally televised interview with Anderson Cooper on CNN.

After 9/11, the US Army assigned Travis as one of the legal planners for the invasion of Iraq, principally focusing on the reconstitution of the Iraq legal system post-invasion. Because of Travis' Arabic skills and international legal experience with continental legal systems, Travis was one of the first judge advocates deployed in Baghdad in April 2003 where he was assigned responsibility for conducting the initial surveys of the Iraqi criminal courts, jails, and prisons. For the remainder of 2003, Travis was one of several action officers conducting daily missions throughout Baghdad in efforts to reconstitute the Iraqi criminal justice system in the Iraqi capital.

Through his experience in Iraq and then later as a defense attorney for soldiers accused of combat related offenses, Travis has witnessed the consequences of some executive policies in conducting war since 9/11. As a former interrogator, JAG, and combat veteran, Travis has a unique voice in the public debate on policies of international law, intelligence, and warfare. Travis frequently speaks on these topics, and he also serves as an adjunct professor of international law and national security law & policy at Lewis and Clark College of Law. Travis also is a member of the Amnesty International Working Group for the Counter Terror with Justice Campaign.

In his personal life, Travis is married with three children and is involved in many other community activities. He has lived outside the United States for over ten years in South America, Europe, and the Middle East. Travis is an active and avid outdoorsman, skier, runner, and cyclist who (in)frequently competes in road events, cyclocross, and triathlons.

CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

- Interview: Nation at War: The Courts; Trying to Restore a Functioning Legal System to the Land of Hammurabi's Code, New York Times, April 20, 2003
- Address: Post-War Criminal Justice in Iraq, University of Georgia School of Law, April 16, 2004, published in 33 Ga. J. Int'l & Comp. L. 157 (2004)
- Interview: Beyond the Headlines, Cooper Anderson 360 on CNN, aired April 11, 2005
- Interview: The Questioners Answer, Washington Post, September 26, 2006
- Address: Torture and Interrogation: A Perspective, Amnesty Int'l Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct 28, 2006
- Address: Interrogation Policies and the War on Terror, Amnesty Int'l Northeast Regional Conference, Boston, MA, Nov. 10, 2006
- Panel: Guantanamo: Democracies and Detainees, Reed College, March 31, 2008
- Panel: Interfaith Forum on the Ethics of Torture and Human Rights, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, July 23, 2008
- Debate: Presidential and Congressional War-Making Powers, Federalist Society, Lewis & Clark College of Law, September 10, 2008

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Adjunct Professor of International Law and National Security Law & Policy, Lewis & Clark College of Law
- Amnesty International, Working Group for the Counter Terror with Justice Campaign
- President and Coach, Jackson Soccer Club
- Board Member, Meadows Race Team
- Member, Bicycle Transportation Alliance

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

B.A., Magna cum Laude, History, University of Maryland, 1995

J.D., Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, 1998, Certificate in Environmental Law and Natural Resources

Bar Admissions: 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Court of International Trade, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, United States Courts-Martial, Oregon State and Federal Courts, Washington State and Federal Courts