

**ERIK G. MILITO**  
American Petroleum Institute



## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**American Petroleum Institute**, Washington, DC, November 2002 - present  
*Group Director, Upstream and Industry Operations*

- Establish industry policy positions on safe and environmentally responsible oil and natural gas development for the domestic energy industry, including issues related to sustainability and corporate social responsibility, and advance the industry position before Congress and Executive agencies
- Develop and implement a campaign strategy on high profile issues such as hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), offshore drilling, climate change issues, U.S. energy security, energy exports, and others
- Registered as a lobbyist and responsible for meeting with members of Congress, Congressional staff and executive agencies to advocate industry position on regulatory and legislative policy; develop strategies for effectively influencing members of Congress on key industry issues
- Testify before Congress on behalf of the industry, including appearances before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard, the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Committee on Science and Technology, the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Educate and collaborate with foreign representations on global energy issues
- Serve as a spokesperson for the Institute; completed dozens of TV, radio and print interviews with reporters resulting in very favorable messaging for the industry; received intensive media training; appeared on C-Span, CNN, Bloomberg TV, Fox News, the Diane Rehm Show, NPR and others
- Work closely with public relations professionals to develop positive messaging for op-eds, letters-to-the-editor, print ads, TV ads, web content and social media
- Manage committee of industry executives to oversee and manage industry advocacy efforts, including the development and dissemination of industry standards and best practices
- Manage API Upstream Department, including 7 staff; responsible for multi-million dollar budget
- Began career at the Institute as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel working on exploration and production issues; served as manager of the Office of General Counsel

**United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor**, Washington, DC  
*Attorney* – May 2000 - November 2002

- Provided legal advice on a variety of issues affecting the Department, including oil and natural gas law, administrative law, and employment and civil rights law
- Represented the Minerals Management Service, a bureau within the Department, in administrative and judicial appeals of oil and natural gas royalty assessments
- Served as counsel in administrative and judicial litigation of adverse employment actions and allegations of discrimination
- Negotiated both royalty and employment cases through direct negotiation and mediation

**United States Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps (completed service at the rank of Major),**  
Duty assignments included Hawaii, Korea and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland  
*Attorney – October 1995 – April 2000 (Army reservist from 2000 – 2004)*

- Served in various attorney positions while working as an Army active duty attorney (judge advocate) at duty locations including Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Camp Humphreys, Korea; and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland
- Served as a prosecutor while stationed at Schofield Barracks, litigating various court-martial cases that included charges such as illegal drug distribution, rape and fraternization
- Also served as a command legal advisor while stationed at Schofield Barracks, providing advice on such diverse issues as vehicle accident investigations, liability issues involving the loss of or damage to government equipment, legal reviews of pre-trial criminal investigations, probable cause determinations, and many other administrative actions
- Served as a legal aid attorney (Army legal assistance program) at Fort Shafter, providing legal advice to soldiers and retirees on estate planning, family law, collection actions, and miscellaneous consumer issues
- Served as criminal defense attorney while stationed in Korea, defending soldiers in larceny, aggravated assault, kidnapping, rape and other cases; successfully litigated a kidnapping and indecent assault case from pre-trial hearing, through jury trial, to a full acquittal
- In final assignment, served as an employment law attorney while stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, representing the Army in administrative litigation of employment and discrimination cases involving civilian government employees
- Received the Meritorious Service Medal and four Army Commendation Medals

## **EDUCATION:**

Juris Doctor, May 1995  
**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Dean's List; Member, *Marquette Law Review*

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting, May 1992  
**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**, Notre Dame, Indiana  
Completed U.S. Army R.O.T.C. Program; Commissioned Second Lieutenant upon Graduation

## **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

Pennsylvania, 1995; District of Columbia, 2003; United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2007; United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2007; United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1995.

**INTERESTS/MISCELLANEOUS:** Running, reading, travel, spending time with wife Elizabeth, and children William, Helen, Evelyn, and Jacob; native of Natrona, Pennsylvania

**REFERENCES:** Available upon request