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I worked at COMSAT from February 1982 through December 2001. I began my COMSAT career as a lawyer in the World Systems Division, but in 1985 moved over to the business side of World Systems, working on the management of our participation in the Intelsat Board of Governors (and later the Inmarsat Council), a role that I had for the next sixteen years. Towards the end of my career, my title was Vice President, Satellite Systems Investment Management, and I was the lead COMSAT representative on the Intelsat Board of Governors (U.S. Governor) and served as the Chairman of the Intelsat Board of Governors from 2000-2001. I was actively involved in the restructuring/privatization of both the Intelsat and Inmarsat organizations.

After COMSAT, I returned to the practice of law, and spent the next sixteen year (2002-2016) as Counsel in the Washington, DC office of the international law firm, White & Case LLP, with my practice there focusing on international telecommunications, space and satellite law. I retired from White & Case in January 2017, and since then have been an independent legal consultant under the guise of semi-retirement.

I have been on the COMARA Board since about 2009, and have served as President since 2015. I have also previously served on the Board of the Society of Satellite Professionals International (SSPI) and am a former President and Chairman of that organization (2000-2002), have been a member of the International Institute of Space Law since 2007, and was a member of the steering committee overseeing the creation of the first satellite industry oriented museum exhibit at the National Electronics Museum, where I also served on the Museum Board of Directors from 2013-2018.