

**F. WHITTEN PETERS, PARTNER**

Identified as one of "Washington's Top Lawyers" by *Washingtonian* magazine (December 2004), Whit Peters is experienced in complex civil and criminal litigation, as well as in issues relating to national security and the Defense Department.

During the Clinton Administration, Mr. Peters was Secretary of the Air Force, Under Secretary and Acting Secretary of the Air Force, and Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Mr. Peters has written and spoken on defense policy issues, acquisition reform, legal ethics, and criminal law issues. He served as Chair of the District of Columbia Bar Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct and as a member of its Ethics Committee. He has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School and the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University.

**GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

- Secretary of the Air Force, 1999-2001
- Under Secretary and Acting Secretary of the Air Force, 1997-1999
- Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1995-1997
- Member, Defense Science Board, 2010-
- Chair or Member, Various Department of Defense Advisory Committees
- Law Clerk, Associate Justice William J. Brennan, United States Supreme Court, 1977-1978
- Law Clerk, Judge J. Skelly Wright, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1976-1977
- Line Officer, United States Navy Reserve, 1969-1972



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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Administrative Law
- Corporate Governance and Compliance
- Criminal Defense
- Federal Programs and National Defense
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- General Civil Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Professional Liability Defense
- Securities and Financial Services Litigation

**EDUCATION AND HONORS**

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1976; President, *Harvard Law Review*
- London School of Economics, M.Sc., with distinction, 1973
- Harvard College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1968
- Air Force Order of the Sword (highest award given by the enlisted men and women of the Air Force)
- Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service
- Army, Navy and Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Medals
- President, *Harvard Law Review*, 1975-1976
- Sears Prize, *Harvard Law School*, 1974

- Frank Knox Fellowship, Harvard University, 1972-1973
- "AV-Rated" by *Martindale-Hubbell*®

#### BAR AND COURT

##### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Federal, Third, and Eleventh Circuits
- United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia and Maryland
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States Tax Court