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Prior to accepting his current position as the Resident Legal Advisor in Tbilisi, Mr. Grant worked as a prosecutor for the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. In that role, he was responsible for investigating and prosecuting domestic and foreign cases involving the sexual exploitation of children.

Mr. Grant also serves as a Lt Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserves. He currently works as a Military Judge where he presides over criminal cases committed by U.S. military members. These cases include murder, sexual assault, drugs, theft, and other federal criminal offenses. Mr. Grant also served for five years as an instructor in the Air Force Law Academy where he taught criminal, international, and operations law to military and civilian attorneys worldwide.

While on active duty in the Air Force, Mr. Grant served as a senior prosecutor and investigated and prosecuted complex criminal cases to include: terrorism, war crimes, murder, sexual assault, child exploitation, narcotics, fraud, and military offenses. Mr. Grant also served as a prosecutor on the military commission trial *U.S. v. Khadr* at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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