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NICK HARRISON, JD, MBA, PMP

Advocate for Change: Legal Authority and Defense Strategist
Shaping Policies with a Dual Business and Law Expertise



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Raised by a single mother on public assistance, Nick Harrison was the first in his family to finish college – going on to a distinguished career as a trailblazing attorney and defense program strategist. At twenty-one, he ran for Oklahoma State Legislature, later earning a JD-MBA between deployments to combat zones in Afghanistan and Iraq/Kuwait.

In Washington DC, Nick Harrison led a nationwide campaign challenging the military's discriminatory HIV policies and took on progressively more responsible program management roles, while running a law practice and serving on four non-profit boards. He shaped class actions and complex litigation, and he managed multi-billion-dollar defense portfolios – demonstrating personal courage, leadership, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to public service.

KEY SKILLS

- Leadership
- Program Management
- Public Policy
- Legislative Relations
- Legal Advocacy
- Change Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Communications
- Military Operations
- LGBT Rights

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

DC Bar Association

Law License No. 1024439
Admitted: Jan 9, 2015

Project Management Institute

PMP Certification No. 1873887
Granted: Nov 25, 2015

ADVOCACY & LEGAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Harrison-Stein, PC and Fidelis Law Group, LLP

Principal Counsel & Advocate

April 2013 – Present

Achieved groundbreaking victory in *Joey Stipek v. University of Oklahoma*, initiating a distinguished legal career; established a nationwide practice in class actions and complex litigation; managed Harrison-Stein PC, aiding diverse clients; steered high-profile Casa Ruby receivership; defended clients' rights at Fidelis Law Group; collaborated nationally, securing significant settlements; embodying dedication to justice and legal prowess.

DEFENSE & MILITARY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Principal Program Strategist (Contractor)

Mar 2018 – Jul 2020

Led strategic management of a \$2.8 billion CBRNE portfolio, aligning with national defense objectives and fostering small business partnerships; spearheaded contracting process improvements, authored the agency's first small business policy, advanced digital capabilities, facilitated interdepartmental coordination, and developed industry outreach strategies, significantly enhancing national defense operational efficiency and policy innovation.

U.S. Department of Defense

Strategic Policy Analyst / Program Manager (Contractor)

Aug 2015 – Oct 2016

Shaped major defense policies, focusing on acquisition strategies and small business growth; conducted reviews within a \$595 billion defense portfolio, enhancing small business roles; led the \$25 million Mentor-Protégé Program, creating over 5,000 jobs and injecting \$2.6 billion into the economy; organized a key Atlanta conference; and promoted the Mentor-Protégé Program's 25th anniversary, blending analytical skill with strategic program management.

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN LAW & BUSINESS

University of Oklahoma

Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration

May 2011

Gained a Juris Doctor and MBA from the University of Oklahoma; led in student governance, emphasizing inclusivity; earned entrepreneurial accolades from the Oklahoma Business Roundtable; contributed journalistic insights; founded the Student Veterans Association, thereby crafting a multi-dimensional perspective vital for diverse professional roles.

MILITARY LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

U.S. Army and Army National Guard

Operations NCO / JAG Officer

Sep 2000 – Present

Led critical operations in Afghanistan and Iraq/Kuwait; provided expert legal support on military law and ethics; advocated successfully for policy reform, challenging discriminatory HIV policies; developed and delivered training programs enhancing operational readiness; engaged in strategic decision-making under pressure; bridged military and civilian communities, demonstrating leadership and a commitment to service and advocacy.