



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## MR. MICHAEL R. HOVERSTEN

Mr. Hoversten is Chief of the Space, International, and Operations Law Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Space Operations Command at Peterson Air Force Base, CO. He is responsible for providing legal, strategy and policy advice to commanders and government officials on all space, international, and operations law matters affecting Space Operations Command. He supervises and provides professional oversight and guidance to personnel assigned and detailed to the Division.

Mr. Hoversten served on active duty in the Air Force for more than 20 years as a B-52 Defense Aerial Gunner and Judge Advocate including assignments as Area Defense Counsel; Chief of Air and Space Law at Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Associate Deputy General Counsel for the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense; and in three Staff Judge Advocate positions. After retiring from active duty in June 2010, Mr. Hoversten worked briefly for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Strategic Command. Mr. Hoversten is a member of the Georgia Bar.



## EDUCATION

- 1989 A.A.S. degree in Aircrew Operations, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1990 B.S. degree in Management, Park College, MO
- 1993 J.D., *cum laude*, University of Mississippi School of Law, MS
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2000 LL.M. degree in Air and Space Law, McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Quebec
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

## CIVILIAN POSITIONS

1. April 2010 – November 2010, Attorney Advisor – Space and Cyberspace Operations, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Strategic Command, Peterson AFB, CO
2. November 2010 – December 2019, Chief, Space, International, and Operations Law, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO
3. December 2019 – October 2020, Chief, Space, International, and Operations Law, Headquarters United States Space Force, Peterson AFB, CO
4. October 2020 – Present, Chief, Space, International, and Operations Law, Space Operations Command, Peterson AFB, CO

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1987 – October 1990, B-52 Defense Aerial Gunner, 9th Bomb Squadron, Carswell AFB, TX
2. September 1993 – June 1995, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Adverse Actions and Military Justice), 6th Air Base Wing, MacDill AFB, FL
3. June 1995 – June 1997, Area Defense Counsel, MacDill AFB, FL

4. June 1999 – August 1999, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Military Justice, Claims, Contracts, and Labor Law), 27th Fighter Wing, Cannon AFB, NM
5. August 1999 – July 2000, LL.M. Student, Air and Space Law, McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Quebec (Air Force Institute of Technology)
6. July 2000 – November 2001, Chief, Air and Space Law Branch, International and Operations Law Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington DC
7. November 2001 – January 2003, Associate Deputy General Counsel (International Affairs), Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Pentagon, Washington DC
8. January 2003 – July 2004, Chief, Air and Space Law Branch, International and Operations Law Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington DC
9. July 2004 – July 2006, Staff Judge Advocate, 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort Meade, MD
10. July 2006 – July 2008, Staff Judge Advocate, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, CO
11. July 2008 – April 2010, Staff Judge Advocate, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, CO

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Civilian Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Combat Readiness Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant	13 July 1993
Captain	15 January 1994
Major	1 June 2001
Lieutenant Colonel	1 January 2007

(Current as of March 2021)