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Mark V. Vlasic has served as a soldier, a lawyer, a professor, and a diplomat, and has worked for the White House, the Pentagon, the World Bank, the United Nations, and a large international law firm. He is currently a senior fellow and adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University and a partner at Ward & Ward pllc, where he heads the firm's international practice, and focuses on international law, international trade, litigation, business diplomacy, public policy, human rights, and stolen asset recovery matters. Mark also serves as a senior advisor to Madison Strategies LLP. Mark's private practice background includes: working with international organizations, corporations, foreign governments and non-governmental organizations regarding complex international law and public policy matters, including World Bank and United Nations collaboration/procurement issues, INTERPOL "red notice" arrest warrant abuse issues, and social responsibility issues; providing advice regarding business diplomacy, international banking, and international litigation issues; participating in asset recovery, cartel, foreign corruption, and securities fraud investigations around the world; and, advising clients on the application and enforcement of U.S. economic sanctions and embargos, export controls, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mark has also advised companies subject to investigations and enforcement actions by the U.S. Departments of State, Commerce, Justice, and Treasury, as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission. Prior to his return to academia and private practice, Mark was a public sector specialist at the World Bank Group, where he served as head of operations of the StAR (Stolen Asset Recovery) Secretariat, an initiative launched by President Robert Zoellick and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to help developing countries recover stolen assets from past dictators (Sani Abacha/Nigeria, Jean-Claude Duvalier/Haiti, etc.). A member of StAR's management team, Mark was responsible for country engagements on four continents, and furthered bilateral relations with major financial centers, foreign governments and civil society organizations. Before joining the Bank, Mark was competitively selected and appointed by the President to serve as a White House Fellow. As part of his nonpartisan fellowship, Mark served as a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense (focused on foreign policy issues and bilateral relations) and helped advise the President's Special Envoy to Sudan. In recognition of his contributions to the Department, including being a "valuable member of Secretary of Defense's official delegations to Europe, Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East, and to NATO Defense Ministerial meetings," Mark was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service by Secretary Robert M. Gates, the highest non-career award in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Prior to his government service, Mark practiced law in the litigation, public policy, banking, and international trade and customs practice groups at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and served as a prosecution attorney at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, where he was a member of the Slobodan Milosevic and General Radislav Krstic (Srebrenica) trial and investigative teams, and focused on mass executions and genocide in Bosnia. As a U.S. Army officer, he has been attached to units on Capitol Hill and at the Defense Attaché Office at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Mark has also served in the Executive Office of the President, Office of the United States Trade Representative, where he worked on WTO Ministerial issues. An adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center and senior fellow at Georgetown's Institute for Law, Science & Global Security, Mark has provided advice to the U.S. National Intelligence Council and Central Intelligence Agency, and has lectured at numerous academic institutions on both sides of the Atlantic, including Oxford University, Yale Law School, the NATO School, the U.S. Military Academy, the Hague Academy of International Law, the Baltic Defense College, and the Danish Center for Human Rights. Mark served on the U.S. Delegation to the Pan Am 103 "Lockerbie" terrorist bombing trial in the Netherlands, and in 2005, he was part of a select team of international experts that helped train the Iraqi judges that tried Saddam Hussein. Mark has provided legal commentary to CNN, CBS, FOX News, NPR, CTV, bloggingheads.tv, Voice of America, the History News Network, the Washington Post, and USA Today, and been published by the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, the Washington Times, Foreign Policy, The New Republic, the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, the Yale Journal of International Affairs, The Tax Lawyer, USA Today, Legal Times, the Huffington Post, the Toronto Star, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Cayman Financial Review, Americas Quarterly, the Ventura County Star, and the Sudan Tribune.

In 2010, the U.S. Trade Representative and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce appointed Mark to serve on their Industry Advisory Committee on Services & Finance Industries, as was he selected to serve as a designated representative to the Secretary of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Humanity in Action Foundation, the Board of Trustees and Senior Advisory Board of Atlas Service Corps, the International Advisory Council of the Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology, the Advisory Council of the Public International Law & Policy Group, the Advisory Boards of Luke's Wings and the Middle East Council of American Chambers of Commerce, and the Board of Counselors for Young Professionals in Foreign Policy. Mark is a member of the Asset Recovery Experts Network, the Atlantik-Brucke's German-American Young Leaders Program and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy, and is a Fellow in the U.S.-Japan Leadership Program, the U.S.-Spain Council's Young Leaders Program, and the National Committee on United States-China Relations' Young Leaders Forum. He is listed in Who's Who in the World and Who's Who in International Humanitarian Law/International Criminal Law, was profiled as an "International Lawyer" in Esquire magazine, and was honored by the Development Executive Group (DEVEX) as a "Top 40 Under 40" in international development. Mark was awarded the inaugural Frank Wheat Award for his leadership and dedication to pro bono and community service and the Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship, and has worked, studied and traveled in 80 countries.

After attending public schools in California, Mark studied business, theology and government at Georgetown University while on an Army ROTC scholarship, and received his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center. He holds a Certificate in International Law from The Hague Academy of International Law and conducted post-doctorate research at Universiteit Leiden as a NAF-Fulbright Scholar to the Netherlands. Mark is a member of the Bars of California, the District of Columbia, and the Supreme Court of the United States, and serves on the Term Member Advisory Committee at the Council on Foreign Relations.