

## CHRISTOPHER MIRASOLA

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### CURRENT POSITION

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**Harvard Law School** Cambridge, MA  
*Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law* July 2022-Present

- Teach legal research and writing for a class of 40 first-year law students. Manage three teaching assistants.

### EDUCATION

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**Harvard Law School**, J.D. *cum laude* (2018) Cambridge, MA  
**Harvard Kennedy School of Government**, M.P.P. (2018) Cambridge, MA  
**The Johns Hopkins University**, B.A. with honors (2012), Phi Beta Kappa Baltimore, MD

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Primary: National Security, Property, Constitutional Law, International Law, Comparative Law

Secondary: Foreign Relations, Legislation and Regulation, Alternative Dispute Resolution

### PUBLICATIONS

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Common Heritage as Public Trust: A Property Law Approach to Managing Resources Beyond National Jurisdiction, 97 S. CAL. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

Sovereignty, Article II, and the Military during Domestic Unrest, 15 HARV. NAT'L SEC. J. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

The Role of Secretariats in International Negotiations: The Case of Climate Change, 24 HARV. NEGOTIATION L. REV. 213 (Spring 2019)

Domestic Law Creating International Regimes: How Legal Formalism is Hobbling U.S. Foreign Policy, 26 UNIV. OF MIAMI INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (2018)

Historic Waters and Ancient Title: Outdated Doctrines for Establishing Maritime Sovereignty and Jurisdiction, 47 J. MARITIME L. & COM. 29 (Jan. 2016) (peer-reviewed)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE** Washington, DC  
*Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel (International Affairs)* Jan. 2019-May 2022

- Advised senior Pentagon leadership on domestic and international law matters relevant to military deployments abroad and in the United States. Areas of responsibility included COVID-19 response; U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; military assistance at the southern

border; and use of the military during Black Lives Matter protests, the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the Capitol building, and possible unrest concerning the 2020 election.

- Represented DoD in consultations with the White House, other federal agencies, DoD Inspector General, Government Accountability Office, and congressional committees.
- Awarded Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award (second highest award for career civilian employees).

#### **UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND**

Honolulu, HI

*Legal Intern*

Summer 2017

- Advised Staff Judge Advocate on humanitarian assistance, rules of engagement, and cyber operations. Wrote background papers on Combatant Command authority to conduct information operations and South Korean missile policy.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Washington, DC

*Honors Intern*

Summer 2016

- Briefed DoD General Counsel on South China Sea legal issues. Edited various international agreements, diplomatic cables, and draft UN resolutions concerning law of war, outer space law, and other matters.

#### **NAVAL WAR COLLEGE**

Newport, RI

*Legal Intern*

Fall 2018; Summer 2015

- Composed reports on Chinese strategic investment in Djibouti, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. Researched Chinese legal arguments concerning claims in the South China Sea.

### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Cambridge, MA

*Teaching Assistant*

Fall 2015-Spring 2018

- Taught select course topics and concepts, facilitated in-class discussions, developed simulations and exercises, and assisted faculty in developing syllabi.
- *Classes:* Comparative Law: China (HLS); Negotiation Workshop (HLS); Engaging China (HLS); Great Powers Competition (Kennedy School, Amb. Nicholas Burns).

#### **INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES TO JUSTICE**

Beijing, China

*Legal and Technical Associate*

Summer 2013-Spring 2014

- Designed online modules on Chinese criminal law for aspiring Chinese criminal defense attorneys and organized two live seminar series for Chinese defense attorneys.

#### **WORLDTEACH**

Changsha, China

*English Teacher*

Summer 2012-Spring 2013

- Taught high school English to classes of 60 students. Oriented volunteers to living in China.

## **SELECT ADDITIONAL WRITING**

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Biden's Resurrection of Emergency Powers at the Southern Border, LAWFARE (May 10, 2023), [www.lawfareblog.com/bidens-resurrection-emergency-powers-southern-border](http://www.lawfareblog.com/bidens-resurrection-emergency-powers-southern-border).

An Update on Chinese Cybersecurity and the WTO, LAWFARE (March 2, 2018), [www.lawfareblog.com/update-chinese-cybersecurity-and-wto](http://www.lawfareblog.com/update-chinese-cybersecurity-and-wto).

Water Wars, LAWFARE (weekly, Mar. 2016-Mar. 2017), [www.lawfareblog.com/topic/water-wars](http://www.lawfareblog.com/topic/water-wars).

Understanding China's Cybersecurity Law, LAWFARE, (Nov. 8, 2016), [www.lawfareblog.com/understanding-chinas-cybersecurity-law](http://www.lawfareblog.com/understanding-chinas-cybersecurity-law).

Analysis: Chinese South China Sea Operations Ambiguous After Ruling, USNI NEWS (October 17, 2016), with Julian Ku, [www.news.usni.org/2016/10/17/analysis-chinese-south-china-sea-operations-ambiguous-ruling](http://www.news.usni.org/2016/10/17/analysis-chinese-south-china-sea-operations-ambiguous-ruling).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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U.S.-China Maritime and International Law Dialogue (invited participant)

- National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (September 2023)
- *Engagement between academics and former U.S. and PRC government officials (Track II dialogue).*

The Statutory Foreign Affairs Presidency (invited panelist)

- University of Pennsylvania Law Review 2023 Symposium (October 2023)

Regional Sanctions Regimes: China and Russia (panel moderator)

- Harvard National Security Journal Fall 2023 Symposium (October 2023)

China-Vietnam Gulf of Tonkin Delimitation Negotiation (invited response)

- Maritime Dispute Resolution Project Workshop, U.S.-Asia Law Institute, New York University (March 2023)

Sovereignty, Article II, and the Military during Domestic Unrest

- National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, William Rehnquist Center, The University of Arizona Rogers College of Law (March 2023)

## **BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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Member of the New Jersey Bar

Member of the American Society of International Law

Member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

## **LANGUAGES**

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Chinese (Mandarin, simplified); Italian