

**JESSICA COLON BEJARANO**

**HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED**

- **The White House Forum on Combatting Human Trafficking in Supply Chains, Panelist, January 2015.**  
*Asked by the Department of State to speak on a panel to share best practices to comply with the newly revised Federal Acquisition Regulation on Combatting*
- **SRA Special Recognition Award, Pacific Architects & Engineers, Inc. (PAE), December 2008.**
- **Appreciation Vice President, PAE & Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Services (LMIS&GS), November 2008.**
- **SRA Special Recognition Award, PAE & LMIS&GS, December 2007.**
- **SPOT Award, PAE, December 2007.**
- **SRA Special Recognition Award, PAE and LMIS&GS June 2007.**
- **SRA Special Recognition Award, LMIS&GS, January 2007.**
- **High Performance Work Team Award, December, Lockheed Martin Information Technology (LMIT), 2006.**
- **Lockheed Martin Information Technology Blue Quill Peer Award, September 2006.**
- **Lockheed Martin Information Technology 2006 Crown Jewel Award.**
- **SRA Special Recognition Award, LMIT, September 2006.**
- **SRA Special Recognition Award, LMIT, September 2004.**
- **National Hispanic Moot Court Honor Society.**
- **General Counsel Certificate, Concentration in Corporate Law.**
- **Advocacy Externship Program Certificate.**
- **Exceptional Performer (Lockheed Martin’s Highest Performance Rating): 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.**

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA**

**2023**

**JESSICA COLON BEJARANO**

**GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 1995**



***Watkins Glen High School***  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**JUNE 24, 2023**

**96<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET**



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Distinguished in the Fields of Domestic and International  
Regulatory Compliance

The 2023 Distinguished Alumna graduated from Watkins Glen High School in 1995. Former principal, Brian O'Donnell notes that her energy, enthusiasm, and passion for doing the right thing was already in evidence in her time at WGHS and continues today, as evidenced by her many accomplishments.

Following graduation, Jessica attended Wells College for two years, spent a semester studying International Relations at the University of Sevilla, then graduated from Cornell University in 1999 with a B.A. in Government & International Relations. In 2002, Jessica earned her Juris Doctorate and General Counsel Certificate from Syracuse University College of Law.

Her career has seen her serve as Settlement Agent & Legal Title Examiner (with the Fountainhead Title Group), Senior Contracts Administrator (with Lockheed Martin Information Technology Services), International Trade Compliance Manager (also with Lockheed Martin), and she is now Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, a Vice President position with that organization.

Job related responsibilities and experiences have seen her investigate allegations of corruption on US contracts and promote compliance with laws such as the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and bribery laws. And while conducting internal investigations were part of her job, travel to war zones and conflict zones was not a job requirement. Jessica traveled to Afghanistan to investigate serious bribery allegations in 2011, immediately following well-publicized

beheadings. She also traveled to Iraq to investigate a series of internal corruption and human trafficking allegations against an employee in a very tense setting, surrounded by foreign soldiers armed with automatic rifles. Once back stateside, Jessica investigated human trafficking allegations against an Iraqi subcontractor that led to significant improvements in the individuals' living conditions, as well as furthering the U.S. policy abroad. Additionally, she traveled to Colombia to investigate embezzlement allegations against an employee to support local law enforcement, and while there, had to travel in a protected vehicle due to the dangerous climate resulting from the investigation. Jessica also traveled to Djibouti, Dubai, and Monaco to promote compliance with the International Traffic and Arms Regulations & Export Administration Regulations to protect national security; and to Tanzania to promote compliance with US anti-corruption laws.

Her efforts helped her organizations become more responsible government contractors and helped stop fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption at home and abroad. Leaving her family to go to war zones and conflict zones was never easy, but her commitment to her company's mission and her belief in our nation's goals abroad gave her the strength and courage to take the risks to do the work that was needed.

Jessica was invited to the White House by Secretary Kerry and Secretary Pompeo to share "best practices" in combatting Human Trafficking Compliance. Additionally, Jessica presented at the 2016 NGO Conference and has addressed several Washington, D.C. law firms and authored an article in the National Defense Magazine on *Creating Effective Compliance Programs*. Jessica also promoted the Multinational Development of Women in Technology, an organization which accelerated the growth of girls and women in the global knowledge economy through technology.

Jessica's supervisor, Dr. Joseph Carvalho, Jr., MD & retired Major General, US Army, the President & CEO of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine speaks of "personally selecting her from a host of extremely well qualified applicants to be HJF's first Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer". His selection was based on her integrity, expertise and loyalty calling her compassionate, selfless, and inspiring. "Jessica is an incredible individual and senior leader here at HJF. I'm so very proud of her. She is indeed a good selection by your alumni association for recognition. I'm certain she will be a phenomenal role model for future WGHS alumni."