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CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ADDS SENATE DEFENSE EXPERT

Anthony Lazarski, Senior Advisor for Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) joined firm on July 1

WASHINGTON – Cornerstone Government Affairs announced the hiring of Anthony “Lazer” Lazarski, Senior Advisor to Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) on national security matters, international affairs, intelligence, veterans’ affairs, and all Department of Defense authorizations and appropriations. Lazer joined Cornerstone as a Senior Vice President and immediately become part of Cornerstone’s defense, homeland security, and international practice groups.

“Lazer has not only been a dedicated and successful staffer who knows military issues better than anyone, but he has also been my very good friend,” said Senator Inhofe. “He has worked for me for over a decade, both in my personal office and on the Senate Armed Services Committee, and has been successful in getting countless provisions included in our annual defense authorization bills. Oklahoma’s military installations are strong today because of Lazer. I am going to miss having Lazer on my staff, but I am excited for him to pursue a new opportunity. Cornerstone is lucky to have him.”

Prior to his role with Senator Inhofe, Lazer was a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee where he oversaw defense issues including Air Force readiness, development and procurement programs, Air Force and Navy tactical air programs, maintenance depots, military construction, infrastructure and land transfers, U.S. Transportation Command program, U.S. Africa Command programs, Science and Technology programs, Defense Working Capital Fund; and Unmanned Aircraft Systems policies and programs.

Lazer is a retired Air Force Colonel where he was a command pilot with more than 2300 flying hours primarily in the F-111, F-117 and F-15E aircraft. His last Air Force duty assignment was Chief of the Air Force Senate Liaison Office where he advised the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, as well as senior Air Force civilian and military officials on Air Force budget, personnel, procurement, readiness and training legislative issues. Anthony is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and has earned Master’s degrees from both the Naval War College and the Air War College.

“It has been a privilege and honor to have worked for and with Senator Inhofe and the Inhofe team,” said Lazer. “Senator Inhofe has been a true mentor and a friend. I am excited about joining Cornerstone and look forward to working with an incredible team of professionals on a wide range of national security issues.

“When you have earned a reputation for excellence and accomplishment in your field, you only need to go by one name. Lazer is a dedicated professional and will add tremendous value to our current and future clients,” said John Keast, Principal & Director of Cornerstone who leads the firm’s Defense Practice Group. “He will fit perfectly into our team culture here at Cornerstone.”

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