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Charles A. Blanchard was elected to the Board of Trustees of The Aerospace Corporation on September 10, 2014. He is a partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Arnold & Porter and is a member of the Government and Contracts National Security practices.

Mr. Blanchard works with clients in the contracting and national security communities, drawing upon his experience in government and private practice, providing unique insights into doing business with the federal government. He represents major U.S. and foreign defense and aerospace companies on a wide range of national security and government contracts issues, including transactions, internal investigations, cybersecurity, and sensitive national security issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Blanchard served as General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer for the U.S. Air Force from 2009 to 2013. In this role, he provided oversight and guidance for legal advice provided by more than 2,600 Air Force military and civilian lawyers worldwide. In addition, he served as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of the Army from 1999 to 2001.

Mr. Blanchard's other government experience includes serving as chief counsel to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy from 1997 to 1999 and as a two-term member of the Arizona State Senate. In 2003, he served as interim homeland security director for former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. Mr. Blanchard was also formerly a partner in private practice, where he focused on complex commercial litigation, antitrust, state constitutional law, and election law.

Upon graduating from Harvard Law School, where he graduated first in his class and served as an articles editor for the Harvard Law Review, Mr. Blanchard served as a law clerk for D.C. Circuit Judge Harry Edwards from 1985 to 1986 and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor from 1986 to 1987.

He is a senior advisor for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) Cyber Council.

Mr. Blanchard earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry, with honors, from Lewis & Clark College, a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government; and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

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