



Andrew J. Dean Joins Middle Market Investment Bank Southwind Capital

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., March 1, 2022 – Aerospace | Defense & Government | Intelligence Community investment bank Southwind Capital, LLC today announced that Andrew Dean has joined the firm as a Principal.

As an experienced industry insider, Mr. Dean joins Southwind from the law firm Patten, Wornom, Hatten & Diamonstein, L.C., where he was a Government Contracts, Litigation and Employment Law Partner providing counsel to various government contracting companies in MD/DC/VA area. Mr. Dean is former General Counsel to the Defense Intelligence Agency's Science and Technology Directorate and is also a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserves where he specializes in leveraging Cyber and SIGINT offensive and defensive capabilities in support of Defense Department strategic national objectives.

Mr. Dean began his career in Defense and Government as a Naval Aviator where he obtained pilot qualifications in the T-6 Texan II, T-45 Goshawk, and F/A 18 E/F Super Hornet aircraft. In his time in government service Mr. Dean, has served on deployments and in leadership positions with numerous units including Naval Special Warfare Development Group, Joint Special Operations Command, Navy Information Operations Command Georgia, and Cryptologic Warfare Group 6. In his time as an attorney in private practice Mr. Dean has been selected to Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers list of Rising Stars from 2017 to the present and Coastal Virginia Business Magazine's Top Lawyers of Coastal Virginia from 2018 to the present.

Mr. Dean is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University and holds a J.D. from George Washington University Law School and a Master of Science and Technology Intelligence with a concentration in Cyber Intelligence and Data Analytics from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's National Intelligence University. Mr. Dean is licensed to practice law in Virginia, Florida, the Eastern District of Virginia, the Middle District of Florida, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We are excited to add Andy Dean to our growing investment banking team," said Lee Priest, founder and Managing Partner of Southwind Capital. "He brings a significant amount of industry specific experience advising corporate and government clients in the science and technology market space on strategic partnerships, corporate strategy, risk mitigation, and sell side transactions."

About Southwind Capital.

Southwind Capital is a proven boutique investment bank based out of Hampton Roads, Virginia. Our bankers leverage extensive relationships within both the operational and investor communities to provide discreet, unconflicted advice and solutions to product and service providers in the Aerospace | Defense & Government | Intelligence Community Industry. Our senior leadership has decades of sector specific knowledge and experience as customer, contractor, private equity investor and board member, in addition to over 2 decades of M&A advisory track record. This experience allows us to advise our clients from their perspective, and effectively communicate company-specific attributes that will maximize shareholder value.

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