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Before active duty, Steven served in all three branches of the federal government. He worked for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Department of Defense in the Office of General Counsel, International Affairs, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, and served as a one-year federal law clerk for U.S. District Judge Fernando Rodriguez, Jr.

Steven has published over 25 articles, ranging from foreign policy and international affairs to legal questions surrounding 21st century technology. These articles have found homes in notable places, such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, and *SAIS Journal of International Affairs*. In his free time, Steven also launched a 501(c)(3) non-profit called [Law Clerks for Diversity](#). This program helps diverse candidates achieve their goal of clerking for a federal judge.

Steven holds a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, and a B.S. in Business Administration, with a minor in Spanish, from Newberry College, where he was a varsity athlete on the Newberry College baseball team. Steven is currently a Visiting Fellow at the George Mason National Security Institute and a National Security Fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. He is also currently obtaining an LL.M in National Security and Cybersecurity Law at the George Washington University School of Law.

Steven is a first-generation American; his father emigrated from Venezuela to the United States when he was 23 years old. Steven lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, Captain Rebecca Arango, USAF, and their 6-month old son, Milo Arango.