

# **Robert (Bob) Harward, Vice Admiral U.S. Navy (Ret.), Joins Board of Advisors at Michael Best Strategies**

Michael Best Strategies is pleased to announce that Bob Harward, U.S. Navy (SEAL) Vice Admiral (Ret.), has joined the Michael Best Strategies Board of Advisors.

A national security and defense expert, Admiral Harward served on the National Security Council for the Bush administration, commissioned the National Counter Terrorism Center, and served on the Secretary of Defense Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) where he chaired the Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction Task Force. His prestigious military career spanned 40 years from May 1974 to November 2013, where he rose to the rank of Vice Admiral. His extensive combat experience as a U.S. Navy SEAL saw him serve tours of duty in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, and Bosnia, as well as the rest of the Middle East.

Over the course of his career, Admiral Harward has received numerous civilian, military and government accolades, including The Donovan Award from the CIA, the Distinguished Service Award from the Department of State, the German Silver Star, the Polish Silver Star, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, four Bronze Stars with V device, two Presidential Unit Citations, and he was also recognized with the US Naval War College Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award.

A U.S. Naval Academy alumnus, Admiral Harward holds a master's degree in International Security Affairs, is a graduate of the Naval War College and the MIT Foreign Policy Program. He also

served as an executive fellow at RAND and sits on several commercial boards to include Channel, USAA REALCO and Shield AI. Admiral Harward is currently Chief Executive for Lockheed Martin Middle East and was recognized by Forbes as one of the fifty most influential CEO's in the Middle East in October 2019.