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Dr. George S. Robinson graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine, where he majored in biology and chemistry. He holds an LL.B from the University of Virginia School of Law, and an LL.M and Doctor of Civil Laws from McGill University's Graduate Law Faculty in Montreal, Canada.

For twenty-five years, Dr. Robinson served as Legal Counsel at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., where he enjoyed an exceptionally broad law practice worldwide relating primarily to domestic and international science research activities, business-related activities, and served as Congressional Liaison. Before that, he served as an International Relations Specialist at the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, where he was Desk Officer for developing collaborative research and educational programs with Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, Spain, and Pakistan. He also served as legal counsel at the Federal Aviation Agency and at the Federal Aviation Administration in the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Robinson has authored numerous articles and books on a broad range of subjects, including public and private international law relating to space activities, space commerce, and international aviation; science/technology activities; maritime activities, oceanography and limnology research; conservation of land, critical habitats, and animal/plant species protection; and terrestrial and oceanographic environmental activities.

Upon leaving the Smithsonian Institution in 1995, Dr. Robinson established with his sons and daughter-in-law the firm of Robinson and Robinson, LLC, a domestic and international law practice with offices in Maryland. The practice addresses, among other issues, the law relating to corporations, non-profit organizations, higher education, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, managed health care, and space commerce.

Dr. Robinson has taught and lectured in law and business relating to space commerce at numerous universities in the United States and abroad, including George Mason University, Oxford University, McGill University, George Washington University, and Georgetown University. He serves on the Boards of Directors of various science research facilities, foundations, and hospitals. He also has consulted for the National Research Council, the Smithsonian Institution, the Department of the Interior's Remote Sensing Data Archives, the Maritime-Aerospace Liaison Project of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Advanced Aerospace Technology Working Group, the Space Propulsion Synergy Team, and NASA, where he served for twenty years on the Planetary Protection Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council.

Dr. Robinson served for five years as the Editor-in-Chief of the *COSMOS Journal*, an annual publication of the Cosmos Club consisting of original writings by a variety of Nobel Prize Winners and Pulitzer Prize Winners who are members of the Club. He currently serves on the Editorial Boards of Advisors for the *Journal of Space Philosophy* and the *Journal of Space and Evolution*. Dr. Robinson also hosts at the COSMOS Club the Annual Eilene Galloway International Space Law Symposium co-sponsored by the University of Mississippi and the International Institute of Space Law.

In partial recognition of Dr. Robinson's unique contributions to the innovative development of domestic and international space law, McGill University in Montreal has established in its Graduate Law Faculty, Institute of Air and Space Law, the George S. and Ann K. Robinson Space Law Prize:

Established in 2014 by friends and family of Dr. George S. Robinson, III, a visionary space law scholar who obtained the world's first doctoral degree in space law from McGill University in 1971, the prize is awarded to a graduating student at the Institute of Air and Space Law on the basis of his/her successful doctoral thesis exhibiting advanced and innovative research capabilities and constituting an original contribution to space jurisprudence.