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Speaker Bios

Cindy Allard is the Chief of the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff Privacy Office. Her client privacy issues range from human resource matters to personnel security clearances, educational records of minors, benefits for service members and their spouses, to law enforcement. She has been a Department of Defense employee for over 27 years and has worked for the Army, Navy and Air Force in both field activities and higher headquarters. Most recently, Cindy managed the FOIA and Privacy programs for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. She is a frequent ASAP speaker and has been an ASAP Board Member since 2009 (as Secretary and Director) and currently serves as Vice President.

Brentin Evitt is the Deputy General Counsel for Mission Services, Science & Technology with the Defense Intelligence Agency Office of the General Counsel. In that role, he provides legal advice in the areas of human resources, facilities management, logistics, training, security, information technology, open government, records management, national security classification, and scientific/technological development. Previously he was the Senior Counsel and Chief of the Administrative Appeals Staff for the Office of Information Policy at the United States Department of Justice. His FOIA responsibilities have included providing guidance on day-to-day FOIA operations, adjudicating administrative appeals, defending agency action in Freedom of Information Act litigation, and teaching. He was responsible for Exemption 1 (national security classification) issues at the Office of Information Policy. He served as the treasurer of the American Society of Access Professionals in 2005-2006. Mr. Evitt is a graduate of law schools in the United States and New Zealand, and came to the Department of Justice from private practice in Christchurch, New Zealand. Prior to law school, he served in the United States Army Military Intelligence Corps as a Russian linguist and tactical electronics warfare and intercept specialist assigned to the Army's 1st Infantry Division. Mr. Evitt also served as a reserve officer and trial defense counsel in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

Scott Hodes currently serves as president of ASAP. In his professional life, he entered private practice in 2003. Prior to that, he spent over a decade working as an attorney for the federal government. Mr. Hodes worked for the Department of Labor, Department of Justice (Office of Information and Privacy) and the FBI. From 1998 to 2002 at the FBI, Mr. Hodes was the Acting Unit Chief of the Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section's Litigation Unit and was a Top Secret Classification Authority. Mr. Hodes has been involved in thousands of FOIA and Privacy Act matters. Mr. Hodes is admitted to the bars of the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He has also been admitted pro hac vice to practice before other federal district courts. Mr. Hodes is a member of the American Society of Access Professionals and a contributor to a number of publications on matters dealing with government information policies and practices. Mr. Hodes currently practices civil matters, focusing primarily on the FOI and Privacy Acts. Mr. Hodes received his J.D. from Arizona State University in 1989 and his B.S. in Accounting from Indiana University in 1986.

Ramona Branch Oliver serves as the Director of the Office of Information Services (OIS), within Management and Administrative Legal Services Division of the Office of Solicitor at the US Department of Labor (DOL) in 2010. In this capacity, Ms. Oliver supports the work of the Chief FOIA Officer by providing agency-wide leadership, guidance and training on compliance with the provisions of the FOIA and Privacy. Prior to joining DOL, Ms. Oliver spent 17 years with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), where served as a technical expert responsible for ensuring agency-wide compliance with the provisions of FOIA, Privacy Act and relevant laws governing access to NARA's operational records and archival holdings. Ms. Oliver is frequent lecturer on FOIA and Privacy Act and serves on the newly created FOIA Advisory Committee. She served on the ASAP Board as director, 2005-2009.

Frederick J. Sadler (Fred) is the Director of the Division of Freedom of Information (DFOI), Office of the Executive Secretariat, in the Office of the Commissioner, where he is responsible for administration of the Agency's FOIA and Privacy Act programs and consults on disclosure related issues in FDA. Prior to assuming this position, Fred served as the Agency's Denials and Appeals Officer, in DFOI, where he was responsible for overseeing and preparing responses to all requests which required issuance of either a denial or response to an appeal. Previously, Fred served as the FOI officer in FDA's Center for Devices & Radiological Health (CDRH) and the Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research (CBER). Fred assists with FOIA-related litigation, and has served on various agency working groups dealing with disclosure, to include "Re-engineering" the FOIA process for the agency. In addition to the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, Fred has received numerous awards and commendations. Fred provides FOI training for FDA and other federal agencies, and is a frequent speaker for both the Dept. of Justice's FOI training conferences, and the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP). Fred served as ASAP's national President in 2005-2006, and has been with the FDA for 39 years. Fred is also an accredited Certified Information Privacy Professional, for Government (CIPP/G), under the International Assoc. of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).