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**Speaker Bios**

**Cindy Allard** is the Chief of the Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division. 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 and personal property shipments. She has been a Department of Defense employee for 29 years and has worked for the Army, Navy and Air Force in both field activities and higher headquarters. Most recently, Cindy was the chief of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff Privacy Office. She is a frequent ASAP speaker and was an ASAP Board Member from 2009 - 2015.

**Shannon Ballard** is the Director of Privacy Oversight in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Privacy Office. In this capacity, she is responsible for developing and maintaining a robust compliance oversight program in the DHS Privacy Office to ensure adherence to privacy compliance documentation and privacy laws and policies, in a manner that promotes consistent accountability across the Department. In her additional role as Director of International Privacy Programs, she contributes to international policy development and advises senior DHS staff on international privacy law and policies as well as monitors DHS security activities for impact on the international privacy dialogue. Ms. Ballard represents DHS at meetings of multilateral and multinational organizations and engages bilaterally with security representatives of foreign governments as well as data protection authorities. Ms. Ballard builds an awareness of emerging privacy and disclosure issues through targeted educational and outreach opportunities tailored to DHS's broad constituency and promotes DHS privacy best practices in the international arena.

Ms. Ballard served as the DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee (DPIAC) Designated Federal Officer from February 2012 – October 2014, leveraging the expertise of DPIAC members for guidance on DHS programs and emerging privacy and disclosure issues. Before joining DHS in 2006, Ms. Ballard was co-administrator of the U.S. – European Union (EU) Safe Harbor and oversaw data privacy issues in the EU, Korea, and Africa for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Ms. Ballard also led on privacy and other e-commerce related matters for the U.S. – Japan Regulatory Reform Initiative. At the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration's Office of International Aviation, Ms. Ballard was the U.S. Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Transportation Working Group, responsible for coordinating the U.S. government position on various modal issues. Ms. Ballard is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/G) and has been a public servant for almost 25 years.

**Claire Barrett** is the Chief Privacy Officer with the Department of Transportation.

**Amy Bennett** is a management and program analyst with the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration. Prior to joining OGIS in late 2014, Ms. Bennett was the assistant director at OpenTheGovernment.org, where she works extensively on the organization's policy issues, including improving access to government information, reducing national security secrecy, preserving records, and increasing openness and accountability of the federal government. Ms. Bennett has been particularly involved in the coalition's work on FOIA reform. Ms. Bennett served as the secretary of the American Society of Access Professionals from 2013 to 2014.

**Krista Boyd** serves as General Counsel for Ranking Minority Member Elijah Cummings on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Ms. Boyd's oversight and legislative responsibilities include issues related to transparency, government accountability, whistleblower protections, and the regulatory process. She has been with the Committee since 2003 and has assisted in the enactment of major legislation such as the DATA Act, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act, Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014, and the Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012. Ms. Boyd previously served as counsel for Senator Max Cleland. She is a graduate of Emory University School of Law and Florida State University.

**Diane L. Bridge** is the Deputy Assistant General Counsel of the FOIA Branch at National Labor Relations Board. For over 20 years, she has overseen the processing of all FOIA cases and appeals, the implementation of the agency's disclosure policies, and served as the agency's FOIA Public Liaison. Additionally, Ms. Bridge teaches at George Washington University School of Business. Ms. Bridge holds a juris doctorate from Duquesne University School of Law and a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**Jonathan R. Cantor** is the Deputy Chief Privacy Officer at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Mr. Cantor joined DHS on July 1, 2012 and then served as the Acting Chief Privacy Officer from August 2012 until October 2013. Mr. Cantor advises the Chief Privacy Officer and other senior DHS leaders on domestic and international privacy laws, policies, and programs. He has more than 15 years of experience in privacy, transparency, and access to information. Mr. Cantor previously served as the Chief Privacy Officer of the Department of Commerce and the senior privacy official at the Social Security Administration. He served as the Department of Commerce's first Chief Privacy Officer charged with developing a Departmental program, led the Department's Open Government activities, and helped improve its Freedom of Information Act program. He also contributed to the Administration's Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights and other projects involving landmark privacy policy. At the Social Security Administration, he was responsible for revamping the agency's privacy regulations and led Social Security's transition to a modern privacy program designed for the Internet age. He currently serves as co-chair of the Chief Information Officers Council's Privacy Committee and was previously a co-chair of the Privacy Committee's Innovation and Emerging Technology subcommittee and Federal Cloud Compliance Committee. He is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, American Society of Access Professionals, and the Government Technology Research Alliance, and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP) in U.S. and government privacy. Mr. Cantor graduated *cum laude* from Duke University, and received his J.D. with honors from The George Washington University Law School.

**Stephanie Carr** is the Chief of the Office of Freedom of Information for the Office of Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff, responsible for FOIA processing for over 20 field offices. She has served as the Policy Team Lead and Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) Liaison for the Defense Freedom of Information and Policy Office, where she provided FOIA policy guidance to the DoD FOIA community and served as the DoD Liaison for matters involving OGIS. With over 25 years of FOIA experience, she has processed FOIA requests, managed FOIA and FOIA/Privacy programs, worked with the Alternative Dispute Resolution community in developing a DoD Conflict Resolution/Customer Service (CRCS) course, managed FOIA/Privacy Act Training Workshops, and taught at the Department of the Navy, DoD, and the American Society of Access Professionals. In 1996, she received a Navy Meritorious Civilian Award for her part in the development of the first FOIA Handbook in the federal government.

**Jessica Carter** serves as Legislative Counsel for Senator Cornyn (R-TX) and for the Constitution Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

**Joo Chung** is the Director of Oversight and Compliance (DO&C) at the Department of Defense and oversees a Directorate comprised of three divisions: the Intelligence Oversight Division, the Regulatory, Audit, and Advisory Division, and the Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division. DO&C's primary focus is to ensure compliance, provide advice, develop policy, and oversee programs and activities that support the Secretary of Defense's responsibilities in accordance with legal mandates, Presidential directives, and U.S. and DoD policy. Ms. Chung's highly regarded and expert team is responsible for various DoD policies and programs in the areas of privacy, civil liberties, and intelligence oversight, as well as administrative law and policy. The impact of her Directorate's work is significant, as it affects all military members, retirees, and their dependents, as well as the DoD Components, the Defense Agencies, and the Combatant Commands. She is the Department's Senior Agency Official for Privacy, and her Deputy serves as the Department's Senior Intelligence Oversight Official. From August 2012 to April 2015, Ms. Chung served as the Director of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties (OPCL) and served as DOJ's Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer (CPCL), a statutorily mandated position in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General (ODAG), between September 2012 and November 2013. As Director of OPCL, she had oversight and compliance responsibilities over DOJ's 40 plus components and has reviewed numerous legal and policy issues involving privacy, civil liberties, and transparency issues related to the Department's law enforcement and national security programs and activities. Additionally, she was the principal author and editor of DOJ's widely used biennial treatise on existing Privacy Act caselaw titled, "Overview of the Privacy Act of 1974." Ms. Chung began her law career at DOJ in 2000 as an Attorney General Honors Program Attorney at the then Office of Information and Privacy, where she litigated and worked on both Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act matters.

**Kate Claffie** is Associate Director, Privacy Oversight, Privacy Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**Debra Danisek** currently serves as the Senior Director for Privacy Compliance at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Ms. Danisek specializes in federal government privacy law and policy compliance and leads a dynamic risk-based approach to assessing privacy

programs, systems, and technologies at DHS. Ms. Danisek advances the DHS Privacy Office mission by ensuring privacy protections are built into Department systems, initiatives, and programs as they are planned, developed, and modified. The DHS Privacy Compliance Division integrates privacy into Department operations by reviewing and approving all DHS privacy compliance documentation, including Privacy Threshold Analyses (PTAs), Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs), and System of Records Notices (SORNs). The DHS PTA, PIA, and SORN templates and guidance are recognized government-wide as best practices and leveraged by other government agencies. Ms. Danisek sets privacy compliance policy and procedures, conducts compliance related trainings for internal and external audiences, and serves as a resource for Component privacy offices. Ms. Danisek is an expert in the privacy compliance risk assessment process of high-risk, high-profile privacy sensitive programs. She has previously served on both the oversight and information sharing teams within the DHS Privacy Office and the Department of State Privacy Division. Ms. Danisek holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Miami University (OH) and a juris doctorate from The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law.

**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.

**Timothy Graham** is the Director of the Veterans Health Administration Freedom of Information Act Office within the Department of Veterans Affairs where he has served in this position since 2008. In this role, he has direct oversight of VHA FOIA Staff and indirectly provides consultative support and training to 175 field FOIA Officers. Prior to this position, he was a Privacy Specialist in the VHA Privacy Office from 2007-2008. Prior to 2007, he was the Privacy and FOIA Officer at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. Mr. Graham received his B.A. in English Education from Eastern Kentucky University in 2000, a J.D. from the University of Tulsa in 2004 and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Health Law from Widener University in 2006.

**Alexis R. Graves** is the Departmental FOIA Officer for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In this role, Ms. Graves serves as the senior FOIA subject matter expert, provides day to day oversight over the Department's FOIA program, and provides FOIA policy recommendations for consideration by the Chief Information Officer (CIO). Since her arrival in

2013, Ms. Graves has successfully reduced USDA's FOIA backlog, deployed multiple substantive online FOIA training modules in the Department's training repository, provided tailored classroom instruction to hundreds of record custodians and government information specialists, completed work on an initiative to improve correspondence with the requester community, and increased awareness of the FOIA's statutory requirements. Prior to joining USDA, Ms. Graves spearheaded the development of a FOIA program in a consulting firm specializing in management services. Ms. Graves also spent several years with a D.C. regulatory firm assisting clients in the areas of occupational safety and health, pesticide regulation, and employment law. Ms. Graves holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law.

**Jerry Hanley** is the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Energy.

**Brad Heath** is an investigative reporter at USA TODAY, writing primarily about law and criminal justice. His work includes award-winning series on misconduct by federal prosecutors and air pollution outside schools. He has a law degree from Georgetown University.

**Scott A. Hodes** serves as the immediate past 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.

**Jim Hogan**, Chief of DFOIPO, is responsible for the formulation and implementation of FOIA policy guidance for the Department of Defense on behalf of the DoD Chief FOIA Officer, the Director of Administration and Management. Additionally, he has oversight of the administrative processing of all FOIA litigation cases and appeals for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, and DoD Field Activities. A recognized FOIA instructor in the Federal government, Jim conducts FOIA training for the Department of Defense, the Departments of Justice and Energy, and the American Society of Access Professionals. His experience as an action officer includes the processing of over 3000 FOIA requests and appeals, many involving very sensitive and difficult issues. Jim is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, and initially was assigned to the DoD FOIA Office while on active duty in 1995. While in the Air Force, Jim served as an Instructor Navigator in KC-135, EC-135, and T-43 aircraft and as Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Jim

earned his undergraduate degree at Grove City College and his Master's degree at The Ohio State University.

**Richard L. Huff**, as a member of the Senior Executive Service, served as one of two co-directors of the Office of Information and Privacy since the Office's creation in 1982 until his retirement in 2005. He was the official designated by the Attorney General to act on all administrative appeals from denials under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act of 1974 by Department of Justice components. He litigated and supervised FOIA cases at the district and appellate level and has testified before Congress on the implementation of the 1996 Electronic FOIA Amendments and on the interface between the FOIA and the Privacy Act. For twenty-three years he oversaw the development of the "Freedom of Information Act Guide & Privacy Act Overview," the Department of Justice's 1100-page treatise that was updated and distributed every other year to more than 22,000 recipients. He has also published several legal articles, most recently co-authoring, "Freedom of Information Act Access to Personal Information Contained in Government Records: Public Property or Protected Information?" Mr. Huff came to the Department of Justice in 1976 after serving seven years on active duty in the Army; his last reserve assignment was with the Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School where he taught FOIA and Privacy Act subjects to military graduate students. He is now a retired colonel in the Army Reserve. Since retiring Mr. Huff has made one-, two-, and three-day training presentations for the Departments of Justice, Army, Navy, Commerce, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, as well as for the American Society of Access Professionals and the Graduate School USA. Mr. Huff received a B.A. from Stanford, an M.A. from St. Mary's University, a Juris Doctor from Hastings College of the Law, and a Master of Laws from Georgetown University.

**Paul Jacobsmeyer** served for 20+ years in the US Army prior to entry into Government Service. Upon retirement, Mr. Jacobsmeyer served as chief of a Department of the Army Historical Records Declassification team with the Gulf War Declassification Project. Upon completion of this project he worked for seven years as head of the Joint Staff Automatic Declassification Project in the Joint Secretariat. He now works as the Chief of the Freedom of Information Division (FOID) in Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), overseeing FOIA Compliance for Initial Requests, Appeals and Litigation in support of the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff/Combatant Commands. He is a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and earned a Master's Degree in American History from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Nate Jones** is the Director of the FOIA project for the National Security Archive. He oversees the thousands of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requests and hundreds of FOIA and MDR appeals that the Archive submits each year. An active member of the American Society of Access Professionals, he acts as liaison between Archive analysts and agency FOIA offices, and serves as the Archive's FOIA counselor to the public. He also edits the Archive's blog *Unredacted* and manages the Archive Twitter feed and Facebook page, and his article for Foreign Policy.com on the internal CIA history that was the basis for the movie *Argo* became one of FP's Top Ten Most-Read stories in 2012. Together with Archive director Tom Blanton, he designed the most recent Archive FOIA audits, and authored the final reports of the Archive's 2010 FOIA Audit, *Sunshine and Shadows: The Clear Obama Message for Freedom of Information Meets Mixed Results*, the 2011 Audit, *Glass Half Full: But*

*Many Federal Agencies Lag in Fulfilling Obama's Openness Pledge*, and the 2012 FOIA Audit, *Outdated Agency Regs Undermine Freedom of Information*. He earned his MA in Cold War History from The George Washington University, where he used FOIA to write his thesis on the 1983 "Able Archer" nuclear war scare, which he continues to unearth and post documents about for the Archive. Mr. Jones has served on the ASAP Board of Directors since 2014.

**Senior Judge Royce C. Lamberth** was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Columbia on November 16, 1987. He served as Chief Judge from May 1, 2008 to July 15, 2013, at which time he became a Senior Judge.

Judge Lamberth, a native of San Antonio, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas, receiving a B.A. degree in 1966 and from the University of Texas School of Law, receiving an LL.B degree in 1967. He served as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army from 1968 to 1974. After service at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and in Vietnam, Judge Lamberth served in the Litigation Division of the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army at the Pentagon from 1971 to 1974.

Judge Lamberth served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1974 to 1987. He was Chief of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office, 1978 - 1987.

**Michael Marquis** joined the HHS Office of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs in April 2014, as the HHS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office Director. He has served over 27 years in the Federal Government. In 2004 he became the Director of the HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) FOIA Office. For the past 12 years, he's provided day-to-day leadership, management and oversight within the HHS FOIA community. Michael has been instrumental in implementing process improvements, ranging from staffing, request workflow, and technology enhancements that have resulted in backlog reductions that exceeded the 10% goal for each staff managed for 6 consecutive fiscal years (2010-2015). Prior to joining the HHS FOIA community, Michael was the FOIA Officer at the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for 8 years. Michael has a Master of Science in Applied Management from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Health Services Management from Towson State University.

**Ginger McCall** is an attorney specializing in FOIA, Privacy Act, and Administrative Law at the Department of Labor. She was formerly the Associate Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and Director of the Center's Open Government Project. Ms. McCall also taught a course on the Law of Open Government at Georgetown University Law Center and was appointed to the FOIA Modernization Federal Advisory Committee. Ms. McCall was a co-editor of *Litigation Under the Federal Government Laws 2010*, has been published in the *New York Times*, and has co-authored several amicus curiae briefs on privacy issues to the Supreme Court of the United States. She has been invited to speak on privacy and open government issues in a variety of academic and conference venues, including the EU's MAPPING Project, the 2009 Computers, Freedom, and Privacy Conference, the Internet Governance Forum USA 2009 Conference, Duke Law School's Center on Law, Ethics, and National Security, and the New England Consortium of State Labor Relations Agencies 11th Annual Conference. Ms. McCall has also provided expert commentary for local, national, and international media, including The

New York Times, Washington Post, Fox News, NPR, MSNBC, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, and Al Jazeera.

**Karen Finnegan Meyers** is the Director of the Executive Services Directorate (ESD), Washington Headquarters Services, in the Department of Defense. In this role, she oversees a Directorate that provides knowledge management, information security and graphics services to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. ESD also executes legally mandated programs implementing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Federal Records Act.

Ms. Meyers has also served as the Chief of the Programs and Policies Division in the Office of Information Programs and Services at the Department of State. In this capacity, Ms. Meyers managed five program areas that provided guidance and support to the State Department's Bureaus, Offices and Posts, on a variety of information access and knowledge management matters, including FOIA policies, procedures and training, FOIA litigation and appeals, special document productions to Congress, other investigatory bodies, and in civil and criminal discovery, and the implementation of Executive Order 13526, Classified National Security Information.

Ms. Meyers served as the first Deputy Director of the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services, which Congress created in 2007 to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies, and to review agencies' FOIA policies and procedures. In this capacity, Ms. Meyers helped to stand up this new Federal agency and to define its role as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman. Ms. Meyers has also served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to the FOIA Staff of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, as an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and as an Attorney Advisor in the Justice Department's Office of Information Policy.

**Joel D. Miller** retired as an Assistant General Counsel in the FOIA Litigation Unit of the Office of the General Counsel of the FBI in January of 2014 after serving in that position since July of 2004. During that period, he was involved in several of the most significant FOIA litigations involving the FBI. Prior to joining the FBI, Mr. Miller served for 30 years as an Army Judge Advocate, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He has served first as a Director of ASAP and later as its Vice-President. Mr. Miller taught on many occasions for ASAP as well the Office of Information Policy of the Department of Justice. He holds both BA and JD degrees from Rutgers University and an LLM from The George Washington University.

**Kirsten B. Mitchell** is a facilitator and review team lead with the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Ombudsman's office located at the National Archives. Before joining OGIS in 2010, she worked at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the Sunshine in Government Initiative, a coalition of media groups that worked to gain passage of the OPEN Government Act of 2007, which amended FOIA and created OGIS. A former journalist, most recently with the New York Times Co., Kirsten frequently used state and federal records, including databases, to shine a light on how government operates. She earned a certificate in federal workplace mediation in 2011 from

Northern Virginia Mediation Service, an affiliate of the George Mason University School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, and is a member of the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP) and Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE). Ms. Mitchell earned her undergraduate degree in English at Mary Washington College and her graduate degree in journalism and public affairs at American University.

**Kirsten J. Moncada** is the Executive Director for Privacy and Disclosure at the Social Security Administration (SSA). She has served in this role since August 2012, and is responsible for providing national oversight in the formulation, implementation, and coordination of SSA's disclosure and privacy policy program. Prior to joining SSA, Ms. Moncada had a 22-year period of service at the Department of Justice (DOJ). She began her DOJ service in the Office of Information and Privacy, where she served as the Department's Privacy Act expert and rose to the level of Associate Director. In 2006, she was selected to support the Department's new, statutorily-created Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer in establishing the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, for which she served as Director. During her tenure at DOJ, Ms. Moncada oversaw publication of DOJ's "Overview of the Privacy Act of 1974," handled cases and provided advice in Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act litigation, conducted government-wide privacy training initiatives, oversaw agency privacy compliance, and provided legal advice on a wide variety of disclosure and privacy matters.

**Michael Morisy**, Cofounder of MuckRuck, Mr. Morisy is an award-winning journalist who has had worked featured in *Business 2.0*, the New England Center for Investigative Journalism, New York Daily News and many other national and local publications. MuckRock is an open government tool powered by state and federal Freedom of Information laws.

**Alexander C. Morris** (Chris) has served as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer for DOE Headquarters since May 2009. He has over 20 years of FOIA experience. During his tenure, DOE has transitioned from a decentralized to centralized FOIA processing program. As a result of converting to a centralized program, DOE's FOIA backlog has reduced annually. When not serving as the FOIA Officer, Chris is a devout foodie who enjoys dining at diverse restaurants in the metropolitan area.

**Ramona Branch Oliver** is the Director of the Office of Information Services (OIS), within the Office of the Solicitor at the US Department of Labor (DOL). Under her leadership, OIS is the newly established focal point for the coordination of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act program improvement efforts at DOL. Prior to joining DOL, Ms. Oliver provided leadership for the FOIA, Privacy Act, and PII awareness programs at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Ms. Oliver is a recognized expert in the access community and over the course of her career she has lectured on FOIA, Privacy Act and Records Management for many Federal agencies and private organizations. She has participated in ASAP since 1996 and served on the ASAP Board, as a Director, from 2005-2009.

**Matthew Olsen** has held positions across the information management spectrum within the federal government over the last 15 years. His work includes privacy, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and records management. He is currently the Privacy Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where his emphasis is on maintaining and improving privacy practices across the Department.

Matthew has also held previous positions at the Social Security Administration (SSA), Peace Corps, and the National Archives and Records Administration.

**Sean O'Neill** is the Chief of the Administrative Appeals Staff in the Office of Information Policy (OIP) at the United States Department of Justice. He adjudicates administrative appeals from initial FOIA request determinations made by the various components of the Department of Justice, and reviews the appeal-adjudication and litigation work of less experienced attorneys. He provides legal advice on the FOIA to various federal government agencies, and litigates FOIA cases on behalf of federal agencies in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Mr. O'Neill also serves as OIP's subject matter expert for the three FOIA Exclusions as well as Exemption 7 of the FOIA. Mr. O'Neill supervises OIP's FOIA Counselor service, in which OIP attorneys provide legal advice to federal agencies on the provisions of the FOIA.

Mr. O'Neill is a 2006 graduate of George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, VA. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Brigham Young University in 2002. Mr. O'Neill's FOIA experience began during law school, when he served as a law clerk in OIP.

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**Kellie Robinson** recently assumed responsibilities at the Department of State. Prior to this, she was one of the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA), Central Office (CO), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officers. She is the VHA FOIA Officer for Training and Education. She is responsible for providing training to VHA staff in VHA program offices at CO, VHA VISN's, and VA Medical Centers; for processing VHA FOIA requests; and the implementation of the VHA FOIA Program. She administers the VHA FOIA Program by processing FOIA requests received in VHACO, and provides expert FOIA guidance to VHA leadership and the field FOIA Officers through various means including face-to-face and virtual FOIA training.

**Katy Rother** is a Counsel on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. She previously worked for the Committee as a Staff Assistant. Prior to working for the Committee, Katy was a Legislative Assistant to a Member of the Virginia House of Delegates. She received a J.D. from Washington and Lee University and a B.A. in Government from the College of William and Mary.

**Frederick J. Sadler** is a consultant. He is retired as the Director of the Division of Freedom of Information (DFOI), in the Office of the Commissioner, of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) where he was responsible for administration of the Agency's FOIA and Privacy Act programs and consulted on disclosure related issues in FDA. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Sadler 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, he served as the FOI officer in FDA's Center for Devices & Radiological Health (CDRH) and the Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research (CBER). Mr. Sadler assisted with FOIA-related litigation, and 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, Mr. Sadler has received numerous awards and commendations. He provided FOI training for FDA and other federal agencies, and has been a frequent speaker for both the U.S. Department of Justice's FOI training conferences, and the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP). Mr. Sadler was with the FDA for 40 years. Mr. Sadler served as ASAP's national President in 2005 and in 2006 and is an accredited Certified Information Privacy Professional, for Government (CIPP/G), and as a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM), under the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Mr. Sadler is current working with a variety of organizations in, and outside of, government as a FOI and Privacy consultant.

**Allison Stanton** is the Director of E-Discovery, FOIA, and Records for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Among her responsibilities, Ms. Stanton advises on complex e-discovery issues in civil litigation and investigations; develops e-discovery policies, practices, and training for the Civil Division; works with the other Department of Justice Divisions on e-discovery initiatives; advises federal agencies on e-discovery and information management matters; and provides guidance on proposed changes to procedural rules, regulations, and legislation affecting e-discovery. Ms. Stanton also leads the Civil Division's office responsible for meeting the Division's FOIA and records obligations. This information management is a key function for the Division. One of Ms. Stanton priorities is the continued modernization of the Division's FOIA and records processes. She works closely with senior Department of Justice leadership and others around the federal government to develop and support innovative and efficient approaches to FOIA, records, and e-discovery.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Stanton was an attorney with Hogan Lovells US LLP where she represented numerous clients in complex civil cases and criminal investigations, many of which included complex e-discovery issues. Ms. Stanton also developed proactive e-discovery plans for Fortune 500 companies, including document retention policies and litigation hold and response procedures.

Ms. Stanton teaches E-Discovery at American University's Washington College of Law and is the Former-Chair of the D.C. Bar E-Discovery Committee. She is an established author and has spoken at numerous national and international e-discovery conferences. Ms. Stanton received her law degree from the Washington College of Law, American University, summa cum laude, and received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University. Ms. Stanton clerked in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for the Honorable Barry R. Poretz.

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