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Instructor Bios

Steven Aftergood directs the Federation of American Scientists Project on Government Secrecy, which works to reduce the scope of official secrecy and to promote reform of related security practices. He writes *Secrecy News*, an email newsletter and blog. Mr. Aftergood has been a plaintiff in FOIA litigation against the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office.

Cindy Allard is the Chief of the Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division at the Department of Defense and is responsible for Privacy and FOIA policy. DoD privacy issues range from human resource matters to personnel security clearances, educational records, benefits, law enforcement, and personal property shipments for those affiliated with the Department. She has been a Department of Defense employee for over 30 years and has worked for the Army, Navy and Air Force in both field activities and higher headquarters. From November 2007 – May 2016, Ms. Allard 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.

Leah Bannon is a civil servant and product lead at 18F, founder of the Tech Lady Hackathons, and a San Franciscan. Leah helped found 18F, a project inside the federal government that works with other agencies to deliver efficient, easy-to-use digital services. She is currently an agile coach at 18F and a product lead for the national FOIA project. Leah has also served as a product lead for the Federal Election Commission's redesign and cloud migration at fec.gov, authentication and DACA applications for myUSCIS, and open government web traffic data on analytics.usa.gov. You can read more about her work in her 18F blog posts.

Khaliah Barnes is an Attorney Advisor at the Department of Justice, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties. In this role, she provides compliance guidance on federal privacy laws, including the Privacy Act and E-Government Act of 2002; analyzes legislation related to privacy and civil liberties; and evaluates proposed Department policies and guidelines to identify privacy and civil liberties considerations. Khaliah's current areas of focus include the Department's social media policies and implementing Office of Management and Budget breach response guidance. Before joining the Department of Justice, Khaliah was Associate Director, Director of the Student Privacy Project, and Administrative Law Counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC). Khaliah represented EPIC before Congress, federal courts, administrative agencies, and local and national media on a variety of privacy issues, including student privacy, connected cars, air traveler rights, drones and domestic surveillance, and consumer privacy. Her opinion pieces have been featured in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. Khaliah was previously a Vice Chair of the ABA Antitrust Law Section's Privacy and Information Security Committee. Khaliah graduated from Georgetown University Law Center and received her undergraduate degree from Emory University. In 2016, Khaliah co-taught Information Privacy Law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law.

Jason R. Baron is an internationally recognized speaker and author on the preservation of electronic documents. Mr. Baron previously served as Director of Litigation for the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration and as trial lawyer and senior counsel at the Department of Justice. In those roles, he helped drive the government's adoption of electronic recordkeeping practices and defended the government's interests in complex federal court litigation. As NARA's Director of Litigation, he led NARA's efforts to provide responsive White House email and other records in

the massive *U.S. v. Philip Morris* RICO lawsuit, and assisted in the defense of lawsuits filed against the Archivist of the United States under the Freedom of Information Act, the Federal Records Act, and the Presidential Records Act in a wide variety of high-profile cases. As a trial lawyer and senior counsel for the DOJ, he appeared as counsel of record in landmark cases involving the preservation of White House email, statistical adjustment of the U.S. census, and early attempts to regulate the Internet. Mr. Baron was a founding co-coordinator of the National Institute of Standards and Technology TREC Legal Track, a multi-year international information retrieval project devoted to evaluating search issues in a legal context, and served as track coordinator for the first four years. He also founded the international DESI (Discovery of Electronically Stored Information) workshop series, bringing together lawyers and academics to discuss cutting-edge issues in eDiscovery. Since 2007, past DESI workshops have been held throughout the world. Mr. Baron has served as an Editor-in-Chief of three Sedona publications and also as Drafting Team editor on *The Sedona Conference Commentary on Information Governance* (2013). Over the past decade, he has given presentations on preservation and access issues involving electronic records in over 400 forums throughout the U.S. and Canada and as an international keynote or invited speaker at conferences. In March 2007, he served as a co-panelist with Associate Justice Stephen Breyer at an eDiscovery forum held at Georgetown Law School. Mr. Baron has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, where he co-taught the first eDiscovery course in the United States for graduate students in information studies. Previously, he was a Visiting Scholar at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Baron participated in the drafting of reports for InterPARES, an international research project in archival science on the subject of the long-term preservation of electronic records. Most recently, in connection with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email account, he has been invited to appear on *NBC Nightly News*, *Good Morning America*, *MSNBC's "The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell," CNN's "Smerconish," NPR's All Things Considered, Huff Post Live, and WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show*; he also has been quoted in *The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time Magazine, CBS News, The Wall Street Journal Washington Wire, Politico, Factcheck.org*, and numerous other media outlets. Mr. Baron is a featured columnist on information governance issues in *Legal Tech News*, and has appeared on the covers of *Law Technology News* and *Law Firm Marketing Magazine*.

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 and currently serves as ASAP President.

Hannah Bergman is an Assistant General Counsel at the National Archives and Records Administration, and has been with the General Counsel's Office since 2009. Ms. Bergman provides legal advice on a variety of issues including the Federal Records Act, privacy and information technology law, ethics and employment law at NARA. Ms. Bergman worked with NARA appraisal archivists and policy analysts in the development of the Capstone approach to email records management, and helped to implement the Capstone approach at NARA. Prior to joining the National Archives, Ms. Bergman was the Jack Nelson Freedom of Information Fellow at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. Ms. Bergman received a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri, and a J.D. and Masters of Arts from American University. She is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

Candace Boston is the Director, Division of Information Disclosure, Center for Devices and Radiological Health in the Office of Communication and Education at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Prior to her work at the FDA, Ms. Boston was one of the staff that helped stand up the Office of Government Information Services within the National Archives and Records Administration. She came to OGIS from the U.S. Department of State in the Office of Information Programs and Services (FOIA Office). Candace gained years of experience in their Advocacy and Oversight Branch, which served as the agency's FOIA Requester Service Center and Ombudsman office, where she became very knowledgeable of the various information access laws, regulations and policies.

She is very proficient in relating and interpreting the FOIA/PA regulations and procedures to all levels. Candace has provided assistance or guidance in many aspects of the FOIA including (but not limited to), explaining the FOIA process, FOIA agency regulations, fee issues, requester/fee category, litigation and appeal problems, fee waivers, delinquent searches, and other administrative issues. Candace also has acquired experience in the federal government at other agencies as well. Candace earned her B.S. from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, her MBA from the University of Maryland University College, as well as mediation and conflict resolution courses from Northern Virginia Mediation Service. Candace's work in OGIS mainly centers around the OGIS website, review of FOIA policies, procedures and compliance, and as a facilitator resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and agencies.

Cindy Cafaro is the Departmental Freedom of Information Act Officer at the US Department of the Interior. Cindy began her federal service in 2002 as an attorney-advisor in the Department's Office of the Solicitor, where she focused on FOIA and Federal Advisory Committee Act issues. In her current position, which she has held since 2012, she oversees the Department's FOIA program on behalf of the Department's Chief FOIA Officer. Prior to her federal service, Cindy spent a year in private practice, received her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Florida. She is a member of the Maryland State Bar and the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Laurence Castelli is presently serving, on detail, as a Senior Advisor and Special Counselor to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Chief Privacy Officer to lead the Privacy Office effort to update the department-wide privacy compliance for the DHS maintenance and use of the biometrics that it collects or receives. Prior to his detail, Mr. Castelli served as the first CBP Privacy Officer. He concluded this service with the successful transition of CBP Privacy from its origins as the Privacy Act Policy and Procedures Branch within the Office of Regulations & Rulings to its current location in the Privacy Division, within the Privacy and Diversity Office under the Office of the Commissioner. Mr. Castelli began his government service in 1989 with the former U.S. Customs Service (an antecedent of the current U.S. Customs and Border Protection) as an attorney-advisor for the Penalties Branch, Office of Regulations & Ruling, handling a variety of civil trade enforcement and commercial fraud cases. Following his rotation in the Penalties Branch, Mr. Castelli moved to the Disclosure Law Branch, where he began to practice information law and management—an area of law and policy that has defined his professional career. An expert in the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, Mr. Castelli was appointed the Chief of the newly created Privacy Act Policy and Procedures Branch in 2005. During his service as Branch Chief and CBP Privacy Officer Mr. Castelli was responsible for many of CBP's ground breaking privacy compliance accomplishments concerning the Automated Targeting System, Border Searches of Electronic Devices, the Automated Commercial Environment, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

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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 (CPCLO), 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.

Tim Crawford is the Program/Project Manager for FOIAonline—a shared service managed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Tim has worked at EPA for over 25 years serving in a number of capacities and programs including Senior Advisor within the Office of Environmental Information. He served as the Agency lead for Open Government, which led to the development of the FOIAonline system that was initially launched in 2013 and now supports seventeen federal agencies. While at EPA, Tim has led a number of major regulatory actions, created a federal-wide solution for properly managing electronic records, developed the Agency's initial data architecture, and performed foundational work on its data registries. He is a certified Project Management Professional and a graduate from Tulane University and Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

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Jill Eggleston is the Freedom of Information Act Officer (FOIA) and FOIA Public Liaison for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a position she has held since 2008. She oversees the largest FOIA Department within the Federal Government, averaging over 160,000 FOIA requests annually. Ms. Eggleston is an attorney with over 28 years of federal service, having served nearly 20 years with the Department of Defense in the Office of General Counsel (OGC) prior to joining the Immigration Service. Part of her responsibilities with OGC included the review of FOIA requests filed with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. During her time with USCIS she was named Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA Officer of the Year for two consecutive years. She has received numerous accolades throughout her federal career and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society program. During her time with USCIS she has successfully overseen multiple backlog reduction efforts, significantly increased outreach to the customer and program office base, expanded the proactive disclosure program, implemented significant process improvements for the Department and has piloted workforce initiatives such as quality workplace, expanded telework, and remote worker programs. She oversees a staff of nearly 200 access professionals.

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. Mr. Evitt served on the ASAP board as treasurer from 2005-2006.

Matt Gardner is an Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Information Policy (OIP) at the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Mr. Gardner serves on the compliance team where he encourages agency compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). He provides legal advice on the FOIA to various federal government agencies as well as components within the Department of Justice. Mr. Gardner serves as OIP's subject matter

expert on Exemption 7C. Currently Mr. Gardner is working with a team from GSA's 18F to develop the National FOIA Portal. Mr. Gardner is a 2014 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, WI. He received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2010. Prior to joining OIP full time, Mr. Gardner served as a summer law clerk (SLIP) at OIP in 2013. Additionally, Mr. Gardner is a veteran of the United State Marine Corps. He served four years active duty, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. While in the Marine Corps, Mr. Gardner deployed twice to Iraq, in Operation Iraqi Freedom with 3d Battalion 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division.

Timothy Graham is currently the Associate Director for the East Bay Division of VA Northern California Health Care System since November 2016. Previously, Mr. Graham served as the Director of the Veterans Health Administration Freedom of Information Act Office within the Department of Veterans Affairs where he has served in that position from 2008 until 2016. In this role, he had direct oversight of VHA FOIA Staff and indirectly provided 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. Mr. Graham currently serves as the Vice President of ASAP.

John F. Hackett is a Senior Records Analyst/FOIA for Leidos Inc. where he provides consulting services on a wide range of information management and information access issues. Prior to his arrival at Leidos, he was Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Information Program and Services (IPS) at the Department of State. While at the Department, John managed all public release, access, privacy, declassification, Department records, and national security classification management issues. For seven years, John was Director, Information Management for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). At the DNI, he managed the FOIA, declassification, and records management programs; and also provided IC-coordination on similar issues for the Intelligence Community's Chief Information Officer. John has worked on or represented the State Department and the IC to numerous inter-agency panels and working groups including the Inter-Agency Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP); the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB); the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Advisory Group; and the National Security Council's (NSC) Records Access and Information Security (RAIS) IPC. For the RAIS IPC, John was on the IC Team that assisted the NSC drafting Executive Order 13526 (Classification of National Security Information) and its implementation directive.

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. Mr. Hodes served as ASAP president from 2013-2014 and continues to serve on the board as immediate past president.

Jim Hogan serves as the Chief of Department of Defense (DoD) FOIA Policy in the Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division, Directorate for Oversight & Compliance. In this role, he is responsible for the formulation and implementation of FOIA policy guidance for the DoD on behalf of the DoD Chief FOIA Officer, the Deputy Chief Management Officer. His responsibilities include serving as the FOIA Public Liaison and overseeing the administrative processing of FOIA 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 has conducted FOIA training for the DoD , the Departments of Justice and Energy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Military Group at the American Embassy, Bogota, Columbia, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay, 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 was an Instructor Navigator in KC-135, EC-135, and T-43 aircraft and an 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.

William H. Holzerland, Esq. serves as Senior Director, Information Management, for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In that role, he serves as the agency's Chief Disclosure Officer, Chief Privacy Officer, and Chief Records Officer. Previously, he served as Director, Division of Information Disclosure for the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) between July 2012 and October 2016. Prior to joining CDRH, Holzerland worked with the newly-formed Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) from 2011-2012, serving as its Senior Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Analyst as well as FOIA Public Liaison. Holzerland held several posts at DHS between 2003-2011, joining the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in 2003 and serving in the DHS Office of Inspector General, Office of Counsel as well. His last DHS post was as Associate Director, Disclosure Policy & FOIA Program Development in the DHS Privacy Office from 2006-2011. Holzerland, a Buffalo, NY native, holds a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law and is admitted to practice in Maryland. Holzerland served as director on the ASAP board from 2011 – 2014. He currently serves on the ASAP Certification Committee.

Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell was appointed to the District Court on December 27, 2010. She received her B.A., with honors in Philosophy, in 1978 from Bryn Mawr College and her J.D. in 1983 from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Following law school, Chief Judge Howell served as a law clerk to Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise in the District of New Jersey and, subsequently, as a litigation associate at the law firm of Schulte, Roth & Zabel. From 1987 until 1993, Chief Judge Howell served as the deputy chief of the Narcotics Section and an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York, where she was awarded the Attorney General's Director's Award for Superior Performance and commendations from the U.S. Attorney and Federal and local law enforcement agencies for her work on international narcotics, money laundering and public corruption cases. From 1993 until 2003, Chief Judge Howell served on the staff and as general counsel of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. From 2004 until January 2013, Judge Howell served two terms as a Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission. Following her service on the Judiciary Committee, Chief Judge Howell also worked, from 2003 until 2009, as executive managing director and general counsel of a cybersecurity and digital forensics consulting and technical services firm, for which she headed the largest regional office in Washington, D.C. During her tenure at the firm, Chief Judge Howell was awarded a Director's Award by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for her "valuable contributions" to the successful investigation and prosecution of a cyber-extortion case. Among her other awards, Chief Judge Howell has been inducted into the National Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame and is the recipient of the 2004 First Amendment Award by the Society of Professional Journalists. Chief Judge Howell has taught Legal Ethics as an adjunct professor at American University's Washington College of Law, and is a member of the American Law Institute. She currently serves as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States and previously served, from October 2013 until March 2016, as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Information Technology.

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.

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.

Sarah Kotler is the Director, Division of Freedom of Information at the US Food and Drug Administration. She previously served as the Deputy Director of that division and its Denials and Appeals Officer. Before becoming a full-time FOIA professional, Sarah was an attorney with FDA's Office of Chief Counsel and in private practice.

Marianne Manheim is the Chief of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Branch at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health. From 2009 – 2015, Ms. Manheim served as the FOIA Program Manager at the U.S. Department of State, where she was responsible for developing and implementing FOIA policies, FOIA training, and FOIA reporting, as well as for continuously evaluating the State Department's FOIA process to make improvements. She also served as the Department of State's FOIA Public Liaison. Ms. Manheim has also worked at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, where she was responsible for privacy, data breach, and controlled unclassified information, and at Peace Corps Headquarters, where she served as the FOIA and Privacy Act Officer for the agency. She holds a J.D. from Valparaiso University School of Law and a B.A. from the University of Idaho and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire. Ms. Manheim served on the ASAP Board of Directors from 2013 - 2016.

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 29 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 13 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 7 consecutive fiscal years (2010-2016). 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.

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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*. Ms. McCall served on the ASAP board as vice president in 2015-2016 and continues her service as a director.

Carrie McGuire is with the Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration. She is a Management and Program Analyst and serves as Mediation Team Lead. Prior to her OGIS service, she spent six years with the American Library Association's Washington Office, where she directed the Office for Information Technology Policy's Program on Networks. In that position, Carrie studied telecommunications policy issues that impacted libraries; directed two major projects funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and advocated for the library position in policy debates. Carrie earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, her Master of Library Science from Syracuse University, and has taken mediation and conflict resolution courses at Northern Virginia Mediation Service. Carrie's work at OGIS is focused on resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and agencies, review of FOIA policies, procedures and compliance, and outreach to a variety of audiences.

Karen F. 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

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Vince Micone is a 25-year veteran of federal civil service and a long-time activist in Washington's philanthropic community. As the senior career official in the Office of the Under Secretary for Management, and a member of the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Micone provides counsel and leadership related to operations, management integration, programs, and initiatives of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Currently, Mr. Micone is leading the Department's efforts to prepare for and successfully execute a smooth Presidential transition. Mr. Micone advises on the formulation of strategic plans, policies, and budget related to acquisition oversight, human capital, facilities, real property, logistics, security, financial management, information technology, procurement, and emergency preparedness. He represents the Department with external partners on issues having government-wide, national, and international impact. He has served as the Department's senior accountable official for employee engagement, transparency and open government, and the recent exposure of personally identifiable information of government employees. He has also led the Department's internal employee communication efforts. Mr. Micone has served in a variety of positions in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Justice where he managed human resources programs and initiatives. These programs included policy development and implementation; special events, ceremonies and campaigns; military affairs; voting assistance; protocol; and community service efforts. He also was Vice President for Development for the non-profit Partnership for Public Service. Mr. Micone is the chairperson of the board of directors for the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area, the federal government's workplace giving campaign. Under his leadership, the campaign has provided nearly \$47 million annually in charitable contributions to more than 20,000 organizations. Additionally, he served as chairperson of the District of Columbia Commission on National and Community Service, a reserve police officer for the Metropolitan Police Department, and an elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. He began his federal service through the prestigious Presidential Management Fellows program and was honored by Attorney General Janet Reno for outstanding contributions as a new employee. He has received commendation awards from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Micone is a graduate of Arizona State University (BA) and the University of Southern California (MPA).

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.

Michael Morisy is the founder of non-profit investigative news site and FOIA tool MuckRock. Since 2010, MuckRock has helped thousands file public records and FOIA requests at all levels of government. Based in Cambridge, MuckRock works with journalists, researchers, and activists across the country to make government more transparent and democracies more informed. Michael also serves on the boards of ASAP as well as the National Freedom of Information Coalition.

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.

Sean Moulton is the Open Government Program Manager at POGO and oversees the effort to develop a "blueprint" the next president can use to build a more open and accountable administration. Before joining POGO, Sean worked for over a decade on transparency and government accountability issues, with special

attention to freedom of information issues, spending transparency, and environmental right-to-know policies. He has authored reports, testified before Congress, submitted comments on proposed regulations, and helped launch public disclosure websites. He has spoken on open government issues extensively with the media, having appeared on C-SPAN, NPR, ABC, and NBC and being quoted in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other major news publications. In 2013, in the aftermath of the West, Texas, catastrophe he testified before Congress on the importance of public awareness of chemical plants and the risks they pose to communities. He directed a two-year project to produce government transparency recommendations for the incoming Obama Administration that were endorsed by hundreds of organizations across the country. He co-directed development of FedSpending.org, a groundbreaking website that opened trillions of dollars in federal spending to public scrutiny and handled millions of public searches. The site was the precursor to the government's USAspending.gov effort. Sean led the Center for Effective Government's open government work for 13 years. He has also worked at Friends of the Earth, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Council on Economic Priorities. In 2011 Sean was inducted into the National Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame. He holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and English from Albright College.

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.

Catrina Pavlik-Keenan - As the FOIA Officer, Ms. Pavlik-Keenan oversees the processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests made by the public, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and the private sector. She has two ICE FOIA offices, a headquarters office, in Washington, DC and a field office located in Orlando, Florida. Her office provides access to agency records, processing in excess of 5,500 requests per month. This past year her office processed 65,081 cases. She has served in this capacity since December 2006. She has a total of 24 years of experience in FOIA and 29 years of Federal service. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Director for ICE FOIA, Ms. Pavlik-Keenan served as the Transportation Security Administration's FOIA Director. Ms. Pavlik-Keenan served TSA since its inception and was instrumental in establishing TSA's FOIA Office. Ms. Pavlik-Keenan served 12 years with the Department of Transportation. Her initial appointment in the government was with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Currently, Ms. Pavlik-Keenan is a pioneer in implementing new processes while utilizing advanced technologies to develop ways of handling information for ICE as it relates to all aspects of the FOIA and Privacy Acts. Ms. Pavlik-Keenan is the recipient of the Department of Homeland Security FOIA Officer of the Year Award for years 2011 and 2015, The American Society of Access Professional's 2016 President's Award for Public Service and her office received the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Information Policy 2016 Exceptional Service Award.

Joseph Plick is the Counsel for FOIA and Information Law in the Management and Administrative Legal Services Division. In this capacity he provides legal advice to the Department of Labor on the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and various IT laws and policies such as the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014. In addition, he manages and supervises responses to subpoenas and other demands for testimony or records in third party litigation in accordance with 29 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart C. He also manages and supervises his counsel area working with the Department of Justice to defend the Department when sued under these statutes and regulations. He joined the Solicitors' Office in 1988 and has been Counsel since 2006. He has a bachelor's degree from UNC-Asheville and a law degree from the American University Washington College of Law.

Kathy Ray has served as the Department of Transportation's FOIA Officer since 2003. As Departmental FOIA Officer, Kathy provides leadership and direction to the Department's 11 components, develops formal and

informal FOIA guidance, conducts monthly meetings with DOT-wide administrative and legal FOIA contacts, and oversees preparation of the FOIA annual report and the Chief FOIA Officer's report. She conducts reviews of the components' FOIA programs, makes recommendations for improvement, and monitors implementation activity. Kathy also serves as the FOIA Officer for the Office of the Secretary for Transportation. In this capacity, she oversees the work of a FOIA team and personally handles some of the more complex, controversial, and sensitive requests. Prior to her current position, Kathy served as the FOIA Officer in two components within the Department of Transportation -- the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (2001–2003) and the Federal Highway Administration (1999-2001).

Michael E. Reheuser assumed the duties of Executive Director, U.S. Army Headquarters Services in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army on 18 November 2013. As Executive Director, Mr. Reheuser is responsible for a wide range of administrative and support services for Headquarters, Department of the Army and other Department of Defense (DoD) activities. The administrative and support services include travel and transportation; security and safety; records management and declassification; visual information services; space and building management; printing and publishing; and morale, welfare, and recreation. Mr. Reheuser previously served as Director of the Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Office (DPCLO) and as DoD's Deputy Senior Official for Privacy and Deputy Civil Liberties Officer. His duties included advising the Office of the Secretary of Defense on all significant privacy and civil liberties matters involving the Department. Before his time with DPCLO, Mr. Reheuser was an Associate Deputy General Counsel in the DoD Office of General Counsel, handling complex civil litigation matters, particularly involving the Freedom of Information Act. In addition to his litigation cases, Mr. Reheuser served as legal advisor to the Defense Privacy Office. Before joining DoD, Mr. Reheuser was a partner in the law firm of Jordan Coyne and Savits, L.L.P., based in Washington, DC, and Fairfax, Virginia. He received the Martindale Hubbell "AV" rating, the highest peer rating the organization awards. For more than 15 years, he represented companies in a variety of civil litigation matters in hundreds of cases. Mr. Reheuser is a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He has spent more than 30 years as a Marine officer, including a deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has been selected for two command tours. Mr. Reheuser supports a variety of volunteer activities. He has served as the lay leader of his church's Lenten appeal, overseeing the collection of more than \$3 million for needy families in Northern Virginia. Since he began working at DoD, he has coordinated his office's annual participation in the Tyler Elementary School Christmas Toy drive, which provides toys and books to underprivileged children.

Kellie Robinson is FOIA Program Manager/FOIA Public Liaison Programs and Policies Division Office of Information Programs and Services 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. Ms. Robinson serves on the ASAP board as treasurer.

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.

Alina M. Semo became the Director of the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ombudsman's office, which is part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in December 2016. Prior to joining OGIS, Ms. Semo served as the Director of Litigation in NARA's Office of General Counsel for two and a half years. Before coming to NARA, Ms. Semo led the FOIA Litigation Unit in the Office of the General Counsel at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for over ten years, and also served as an Assistant General Counsel in the Litigation Branch for nearly five years. Ms. Semo began her federal government career as a Department of Justice trial attorney and later senior counsel in the Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division, from 1991 to 1999, and from 1988 to 1991 worked as an associate at Hopkins & Sutter in Washington, D.C. Ms. Semo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law School; she is licensed in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

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Shari Suzuki is the Chief of the FOIA Appeals, Policy and Litigation Branch at U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within the Department of Homeland Security. Ms. Suzuki provides leadership to a team of 20 attorneys and two paralegals adjudicating all administrative appeals of CBP responses to FOIA requests, giving guidance and instruction to CBP personnel regarding the processing of FOIA requests, and overseeing CBP activities related to the release of information under the FOIA. Ms. Suzuki received her Juris Doctor Degree, *cum laude*, from Widener University, after having received her Bachelor of Arts Degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Maryland where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Prior to joining CBP, Ms. Suzuki worked as a criminal prosecutor in Pennsylvania, as an insurance defense attorney for a multi-national law firm in Philadelphia and as a trial attorney in a law firm in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, concentrating on criminal defense, personal injury, construction law and domestic matters.

Barbara Swailes has served as a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Central Office FOIA Officer within the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2010. Prior to this position, she was a Compliance Specialist in VHA's

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Anne Weismann serves as CREW's Chief FOIA Counsel. Prior to rejoining CREW, Anne was Executive Director of Campaign for Accountability and before that served as CREW's Chief Counsel. Her prior experience also includes over 21 years at the Department of Justice's Civil Division. Anne received her J.D. from George Washington University and her B.A. from Brown University. Ms. Weismann, a former president of the American Society of Access Professionals, has been an active member of ASAP and a frequent presenter at ASAP training conferences.

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Mark S. Zaid is a Washington, D.C. based attorney who specializes in innovatively handling simple and complex administrative and litigation matters relating to national security, international law, foreign sovereign and diplomatic immunity, defamation (plaintiff) and the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOI/PA). Through his practice Mr. Zaid often represents former/current federal employees, particularly intelligence and military officers, defense contractors, Whistleblowers and others who have grievances, have been wronged or are being investigated by agencies of the United States Government or foreign governments, as well as members of the media. Mr. Zaid teaches the D.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education classes on "The Basics of Filing and Litigating Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Requests" (since 2003), "Defending Security Clearances" (since 2006) and "Handling Whistleblower Cases: More Than the Basics" (since 2016). Since 2009, he has been named both a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer every year (including being profiled) and a "Best Lawyer" in Washingtonian Magazine's bi-annual designation for his national security work. As the National Law Journal once wrote, "if Agent Mulder ever needed a lawyer, Zaid would be his man." Mr. Zaid is also the Executive Director and founder of the James Madison Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization, with the primary purpose of educating the public on issues relating to intelligence gathering and operations, secrecy policies, national security and government wrongdoing. Additionally, Mr. Zaid is an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University in the Global Security Studies program where he teaches on national security issues. In connection with his legal practice on international and national security matters, Mr. Zaid has testified before, or provided testimony to, a variety of governmental bodies including the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, the House Government Operations Committee, the Department of Energy, the Public Interest Declassification Board and the Assassination Records Review Board. From 2014-2016, he served as an appointed Member by the Archivist of the United States to the Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee. "Curiously for this town," once wrote the American Bar Association Journal, "Zaid is an equal opportunity thorn out to pierce the sides of suit jackets bearing both elephants and donkeys on the lapels." A 1992 graduate and Associate Editor of the Law Review of Albany Law School of Union University in New York, for which he now sits as a member of its' Board of Trustees, he completed his undergraduate education (cum laude) in 1989 at the University of Rochester, New York with honors in Political Science and high honors in History. Mr. Zaid is a member of the Bars of New York State, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland and numerous federal courts. He currently possesses TS/SCI eligibility and has had Q level access.