



AU's Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center Hosting U.S. Cybersecurity Commission's September Hearing

Washington, D.C. (September 12, 2016) — The U.S. Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity will hold its September 2016 field hearing at the American University Washington College of Law, hosted by the Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center (KCGC).

The September 19 hearing will focus on the theme of “Cybersecurity in Government and the Digital Economy.” The session will begin at 9:00 am in the law school’s Grossman Hall. This will be the Commission’s fifth and final field hearing to receive expert input and take public commentary. Their final report will be delivered to President Obama by December 1, 2016.

“This Commission hearing is precisely the sort of event the Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center is here to host. Our goal is to bring leaders and experts together and provide them the resources and expertise to manage and overcome the critical cybersecurity governance challenges facing corporate entities today,” said Dr. William DeLone, co-Executive Director of the KCGC.

President Obama created the Commission in February of this year with Executive Order 13718, charging its members with “identifying and studying actions necessary to further improve cybersecurity awareness, risk management and the adoption of best practices throughout the private sector and at all levels of government.”

The 12-member Commission is made up of representatives from industry, academia, and former government officials. It is chaired by former National Security Advisor to President Obama, Tom Donilon, and its vice chair is Sam Palmisano, formerly President and CEO of IBM. The President directed the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) at the U.S. Department of Commerce to provide the Commission with their expertise, funds, facilities, staff, equipment, and other support services to perform its mission.

The Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center (KCGC) at American University aims to promote “good cybersecurity governance” by providing board-level corporate leaders and their designees with thoughtful, practical, timely and well-supported guidance on the cybersecurity issues that are essential to their core stakeholder responsibilities.

Dave Wajsgras, President of Raytheon's Intelligence, Information, and Services business, is the chair of the KCGC advisory committee. Raytheon, a leading technology and innovation company specializing in defense, civil and cybersecurity markets throughout the world, is sponsoring the event luncheon.

The KCGC conducts collaborative, objective and multi-disciplinary research related to governance and enterprise risk management across multiple disciplines, including business, legal, public policy and public administration. In addition to providing research, analysis and education, KCGC also serves as both a curator of the vast amount of information available regarding cybersecurity governance and a convener of conferences, seminars and other opportunities for focused discourse and engagement.

The hearing will be held inside Grossman Hall located at American University's new Washington College of Law at Tenley Circle.

Further information and contact information for the KCGC can be located at www.american.edu/kogod/cybergov/.

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