



American University's Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center Hires Legal Expert as Deputy Director

(Washington) -- Experienced government and private sector cybersecurity attorney, Rebekah Lewis, has been named Executive-in-Residence and Deputy Director of the Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center (KCGC) at American University.

Lewis is the first hire for the KCGC, established in late 2015 as the authority on cybersecurity management, leadership and governance issues faced by corporate board members, C-level executives and IT leadership.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Rebekah's caliber joining our team. She will ensure the Center stays on the cutting edge of cybersecurity governance issues. Her background is uniquely fitted to advancing our agenda of setting the standard for cybersecurity governance," KCGC Executive Director Dr. William DeLone said.

In her new position, Lewis will play a leadership role in the writing, research and educational services of the Center. She will also be a member of the Kogod faculty, Department of Information Technology, teaching coursework in cybersecurity governance. For her work at the Center, she will report to KCGC executive directors Dr. DeLone and Dr. Richard Schroth.

"Rebekah will bring to the Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center a strong capability to broaden the Center's access to the DC law community and to the Washington School of Law at American University. Her ability to refine points of view and encourage an interdisciplinary approach to our mission of cybersecurity governance will continue to provide the Center the proper enterprise risk views from a strong business context," KCGC Executive Director Dr. Schroth said.

An Information Assurance and Cybersecurity Attorney at the National Security Agency in her last role, Lewis joins with expertise in precisely the sort of cybersecurity governance issues that are the KCGC's focus. While at the NSA, she advised leadership and worked closely with corporate-level compliance personnel on a variety of data governance issues, including mitigating risks associated with the handling of various types of sensitive data. She also served as the Agency's primary legal advisor regarding an enterprise-wide security effort and as the lead cybersecurity attorney related to a broad interagency initiative to transition to a cloud environment.

Previously, as an attorney with the international law firm of Latham & Watkins, Lewis advised numerous corporate clients regarding their response to information security incidents. In addition, she served as a

specialist for complex transactions involving the transfer and processing of personal data across national and international boundaries. She also has expertise in drafting and updating privacy policies and terms of use, and regarding general compliance with a range of privacy and security laws and regulations.

Lewis is a passionate speaker and educator about the laws, policies and procedures surrounding cybersecurity and other data governance issues. She is also a dedicated student of cybersecurity, having earned rigorous certifications in both data privacy (CIPP/US) and information systems security (CISSP).

Lewis earned her law degree from the University of Michigan, where she graduated *cum laude*. She received a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, graduating *cum laude* there as well. She is a member of the Washington, DC bar and a previous member of the Illinois bar.

The Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center 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. Our goal is to provide corporate leaders with the information and tools they need to be *cyber capable*, efficiently leveraging the full range of their resources and expertise to manage and overcome the critical cybersecurity governance challenges facing corporate entities today.

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