



NCSL Task Force on Cybersecurity

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Speaker Biographies

Alaina R. Clark, Department of Homeland Security. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Alaina R. Clark is the Assistant Director for Stakeholder Engagement at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). As Assistant Director, she leads CISA's efforts to promote and deliver strategically aligned stakeholder engagements, helping achieve a secure and resilient infrastructure for the American people. Alaina most recently served as Deputy Chief of CISA's Office of External Affairs where she oversaw the Agency's public messaging, legislative agenda, and branding. She was responsible for digital messaging, including the Agency's social media, web pages and graphic design.

Prior to her work at CISA, Alaina served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the DHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) from 2013 to 2019. In this position, she managed the day-to-day operations of the IGA State, Local, and Tribal teams. Also, while serving as IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clark oversaw the Department's participation in the Council of Governors. This bipartisan group of 10 governors was appointed by the President to work with DHS, Department of Defense and the White House. She also led DHS efforts in support of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico.

Clark's work with IGA began in 2007. She served in numerous IGA positions, including State Coordinator to Director for State Affairs, from 2007 to 2013. While working for the Department's Counterterrorism Coordinator, she oversaw outreach with state and local officials and religious community leaders regarding ongoing threats and their impact.

Before joining DHS, Clark worked for a consulting firm that supported the DHS Science and Technology Directorate and the DHS Office of the Under Secretary for Management.

Clark holds a bachelor's degree in international studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in government with a concentration in homeland security from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

John M. Gilligan President & Chief Executive Officer, Center for Internet Security, Inc.

John Gilligan became the President and Chief Executive Officer of CIS (Center for Internet Security, Inc.) in October of 2018. He served on CIS' Board of Directors from 2005 – 2018 and was Chairman of the Board from 2009 – 2018.

Gilligan has more than 25 years of managerial experience in leading large organizations with expertise in cybersecurity, business strategy, organizational innovation, and program implementation. He served as President and COO of the Schafer Corporation from May 2013 until May 2017. Prior to Schafer Corporation, He was the President of Gilligan Group, a Virginia based IT and cyber consulting firm. Before founding the Gilligan Group, Gilligan was a Senior Vice President and Director, Defense Sector, at SRA International, Inc.

He served as the Chief Information Officer for the United States Air Force and the U.S. Department of Energy. Gilligan's experience includes working as the Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Command and Control Battle Management Operations for the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Cyber Security Commission (formed to advise the 44th President) and served as an advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on IT reform.

In addition to his work with CIS, Gilligan is currently on the boards of the Software Engineering Institute, Isobar Inc., and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. He currently co-chairs the Cyber Committee of the Armed Forces Electronics Association (AFCEA). Gilligan has also served as Chairman of the boards of directors for Cyber Griffin Inc. and HDT Global Inc.

Gilligan's published work on cybersecurity includes CIS' A Handbook for Elections Infrastructure Security, The Economics of Cybersecurity Part I: A Practical Framework for Cybersecurity Investment and The Economics of Cybersecurity Part II: Extending the Cybersecurity Framework. The last two publications were coordinated via the AFCEA International Cyber Committee.

Senator Susan Lee, Maryland

Susan C. Lee was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2002 and to the Senate in 2014, and has been described as the General Assembly's leader on cyber security and innovation, identity theft, online fraud, and consumer protection issues. As Co-Chair of the Maryland Commission on Cyber Security, Innovation and Excellence, and as Co-Chair of the Maryland Identity Theft Task Force, she has authored and led efforts to pass major laws to protect Marylanders against cyber attacks and terrorism, identity theft, and online fraud, and assist victims of those crimes.

During her two terms as President of the Women's Caucus, Senator Lee led efforts to pass an aggressive agenda of legislation to fight domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; economically empower women, children and families; secure funding for statewide rape crisis centers; and authorize the placing a statue of Marylander and American hero Harriet Tubman in the United States Capitol.

Senator Lee also is a champion of education, the environment, public safety, civil rights, transportation, quality health care, telemedicine, bioscience, clean energy, and emerging technologies. She authored Maryland's first Telemedicine law as well as the law creating the Maryland Nanobiotechnology Task Force, which she served as its Co-Chair.

Senator Lee, an attorney, serves as a Deputy Majority Whip; Judiciary Committee Member; Chair, Family Law Subcommittee; Vice Chair, Montgomery County House Delegation; Co-Chair of the Maryland Commission on Cyber Security, Innovation & Excellence. She also served two terms as President of the Women Legislators of Maryland (Women's Legislative Caucus) and as the Co-Chair of the Maryland Nanobiotechnology Task Force and Co-Chair of the Maryland Identity Theft Task Force. She is the first Asian American woman and Chinese American elected to the Maryland General Assembly.

Senator Lee is the daughter of a World War II veteran of the US Navy and retired Washington Post artist and a proud product of the Montgomery County public schools, Leland Junior High School, Herbert Hoover Junior High and Winston Churchill High School. She graduated from the University of Maryland and University of San Francisco School of Law. Senator Lee was a member of the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes Board, Montgomery County Gang Task Force, and Progressive Maryland and Co-Chair of the NAACP Multicultural Community Partnership. She was appointed to serve on the United States Patent and Trademark Advisory Board during the Clinton Administration.

Senator Lee represents District 16, which includes Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Friendship Heights, Potomac, Rockville, Cabin John, and Glen Echo. She and her husband live in Bethesda.

Nitin Natarajan, Deputy Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, DHS

Nitin Natarajan serves as the Deputy Director for the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) as of February 16, 2021. In this role, he supports the CISA Director overseeing the Cybersecurity Division, the Infrastructure Security Division, the National Risk Management Center, and the Emergency Communications Division. His operations support responsibilities are to ensure a holistic approach to critical infrastructure protection across physical and cyber risks activities.

Prior to joining CISA, Natarajan served as an executive at a consulting firm providing subject matter expertise on a variety of topics, including IT, cybersecurity, homeland and national security, critical infrastructure protection, environmental emergency management, continuity of operations, and health security matters. Natarajan also held a number of federal government roles including serving as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management at the U.S. EPA, the Director of Critical Infrastructure Policy at the White House/National Security Council, and as the Director at U.S. Health and Human Services overseeing their critical infrastructure, continuity of operations, and medical logistics programs. He also has experience working at the state and local government levels.

Natarajan started his career spending 13 years as a first responder in New York including service as a flight paramedic. He was the Commander of a federal medical response team, based in New York, and has extensive experience deploying to natural and man-made disasters throughout the nation.

He holds an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York and a graduate degree from the United States Naval Postgraduate School.

Representative Jason Saine, North Carolina

Representative Jason Saine represents the 97th North Carolina House District, which encompasses Lincoln County, NC. He is serving his fourth full term in the North Carolina House after being appointed in 2011.

Representative Saine was appointed by Speaker Tim Moore in 2019 to serve as a Senior Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for preparing the state's \$24 billion dollar budget.

He previously served as the Senior Chairman of the House Finance Committee from 2015-2018. In that role, Chairman Saine passed over a billion dollars in tax cuts for working families across North Carolina. Representative Saine was also the founding chair of the IT Appropriations Subcommittee and the IT Joint Oversight Committee, leading sweeping reforms and advancements in state IT procurement and security policies.

Representative Saine currently serves as a member of the Federal Communications Commission Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC). In this role he helps provide guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission on a range of telecommunication issues for which local, state, and tribal governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission.

Representative Saine served four years as the North Carolina State Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council before accepting a position as the National Chair of the organization in 2018. In this role he worked with legislators across the United States to support model policies that advance limited government, free markets, and federalism.

He is married to Kathryn Saine, who is Director of the Lincoln County Senior Center. They have one son, Jackson, who is in seventh grade at Lincoln Charter School.

Kemba Eneas Walden, Assistant General Counsel, Digital Crimes Unit, Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit

Kemba Eneas Walden is an Assistant General Counsel in Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit (DCU), responsible for launching and leading DCU's Ransomware Program. Kemba started her career at Microsoft as Senior Counsel for Cyber and Democracy providing legal counsel to the Defending Democracy Program through the 2020 Presidential Election.

Prior to Microsoft, Kemba spent a decade in government service at the Department of Homeland Security. At DHS, Kemba held several attorney roles, specifically as the lead attorney for the DHS representative to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and then as a cybersecurity attorney for the newly created Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and its predecessor, which is responsible for cybersecurity, telecommunications, and infrastructure resilience. Kemba negotiated complex data protection, information sharing, risk mitigation, and national security agreements, supported DHS's cybersecurity and risk management efforts in critical infrastructure sectors including the financial, energy, and election sectors. Upon her departure from DHS, her energy was spent as the primary cybersecurity legal advisor to the Elections Task Force (now known as the Elections Security Initiative).

In addition to her work at Microsoft, Kemba serves as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University in the School of Continuing Studies teaching a course entitled "Information Security Laws and Regulatory Policy."

Kemba graduated from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia with a B.A. in Political Science, from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs with a Master's in Public Affairs, and from Georgetown University Law Center.