

National Geospatial Advisory Committee Privacy Spotlight Session Outline

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Purpose of the Session: *Inform, educate, and engage the membership in discussion. Identify the issues and impacts on the geospatial community.*

Timeframe: *Tuesday, September 18, 2012; 1:30 – 3:15 pm*

- 1:30 **Overview and Context** – *Joanne Gabrynowicz, Director, National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law and Research Professor of Law, The University of Mississippi School of Law*
- 1:45 **Privacy: Implications for the Geospatial Community** – *Kevin Pomfret, Executive Director of the Centre for Spatial Law and Policy*
- 2:00 **What makes a fair privacy policy?** – *Robert Gellman, Privacy and Information Policy Consultant*
- 2:15 **Facilitated Discussion**
- 3:05 **Conclusions and Next Steps**

In preparation for the Spotlight Session and the discussion, please think about the following:

1. How do you see the issue of geolocation privacy (and possible regulations) impacting or affecting your organization or sector?
2. What do federal managers need to know about or be aware of regarding geolocation privacy?

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Overview and Context – Joanne Gabrynowicz

Professor Gabrynowicz teaches space law and remote sensing law at the University of Mississippi School of Law. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Space Law. She is an official observer for the International Institute of Space Law to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space Legal Subcommittee. Professor Gabrynowicz was a member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) delegation to the Unidroit Committee of Governmental Experts for the Preparation of a Draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Space Assets. She also serves as a delegate to the Group on Earth Observations and is often called upon to lecture and brief government officials on space law. She briefed U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton as part of the Secretary's preparation for the Earth Observation Summit. Prof. Gabrynowicz also briefed Deputy Assistant Secretary Frank A. Rose of the U.S. Department of State on the legal aspects of orbital debris. She is currently a member of the Department of the Interior's National Geospatial Advisory Committee, NASA's Planetary Protection Subcommittee, and the Permanent Court of Arbitration Advisory Group of Legal Experts on Optional Rules for Arbitration for Disputes Relating to Outer Space, The Hague.

Privacy: Implications for the Geospatial Community – Kevin Pomfret

Kevin Pomfret is Executive Director of the Centre for Spatial Law and Policy. The Centre is a non-profit organization with a mission to both educate and promote the development of consistent and transparent legal and policy frameworks for the collection, use and transfer of geospatial data around the world. He is also the founder of GeoLaw, P.C. and regularly advises a variety of spatial technology companies on such matters as licensing and distribution agreements, privacy policies and spatial data audits. He serves on the board of directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC). He writes and speaks extensively at conferences on spatial law and policy issues and is an adjunct professor on Spatial Law and Policy. Mr. Pomfret has worked with and around spatial technology for over twenty years. Prior to attending law school, he served as a satellite imagery analyst with the U.S. government. In that capacity, he developed an imagery collection strategy to monitor critical arms control agreements and worked on requirements for future collection systems. In addition, he served as the special assistant to the U.S. government official responsible for developing the Intelligence Community's satellite imagery collection and exploitation requirements.

What makes a fair privacy policy? – Robert Gellman

Robert Gellman is a privacy and information policy consultant in Washington, D.C., specializing in health confidentiality policy, privacy and data protection, and Internet privacy. He helps clients understand and implement privacy laws and policies. Clients have included federal agencies, Fortune 500 companies, trade associations, advocacy groups, foreign governments, and others. A graduate of the Yale Law School, Gellman served for 17 years as chief counsel to the Subcommittee on Government Information in the House of Representatives. He is the author of numerous columns, conference papers, congressional reports, and scholarly articles on privacy and other information policy issues. Many of his publications can be found at www.bobgellman.com. He is also coauthor of ONLINE PRIVACY A Reference Handbook published by ABC-CLIO in 2011.