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Kristin Adair is Staff Counsel at the National Security Archive. She works principally on the Archive’s FOIA litigation and open government advocacy projects. In addition, she tracks international access to information issues, serving as managing editor for the freedominfo.org website and as a liaison to the international community through the FOI Advocates Network. Before joining the Archive staff, Kristin was a policy assistant and scheduler during the 2004 presidential campaign. She received her J.D. and M.A. in International Affairs at the George Washington University in May 2006. She completed her undergraduate studies at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 2002. She is a member of the bars of Virginia and Washington, D.C.

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Daniel Alcorn has more than twenty years of experience in private practice litigating Freedom of Information Act cases on behalf of requesters, including oral arguments before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the U.S. District Court for District of Columbia. He has served as counsel in a number of reported Freedom of Information Act cases that are often cited as precedents by the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. During his time in law practice, has been a very active member of the FOIA community and has been a keen observer of the freedom of Information concept’s spread around the globe.

NATHANIEL HELLER

Nathaniel Heller is Managing Director of Global Integrity, an off-shoot of the Center for Public Integrity that tracks governance and corruption trends around the world. He joined the Center for Public Integrity in 1999, handling both public service and government accountability issues. His work was covered by the Associated Press, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Chicago
Tribune, Moscow Times, The Guardian (London), and Newsweek. In 2002, he joined the State Department, focusing on European security and transatlantic relations. He later served as a foreign policy fellow to Senator Edward Kennedy in 2004. In 2005, Mr. Heller returned to stand up Global Integrity as an independent international organization and has led the group since then. He holds a Masters of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a Bachelors of International Relations and Spanish Literature from the University of Delaware.

KEVIN M. GOLDBERG

Kevin Goldberg is special counsel with the law firm of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC. As counsel to several press associations, including the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the World Press Freedom Committee, the Regional Reporters Association, and the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, he engages in advocacy on Freedom of Information and First Amendment issues. Beginning with the Electronic Freedom of Information Act in 1996, he has been involved in virtually all major efforts to reform (or prevent reform of) the Freedom of Information Act on Capitol Hill, culminating in the current Open Government Act. In addition to this legislative work and related work within the executive branch, he extends his FOI advocacy to the public, writing regularly on these topics for many organizations. He keeps the nation’s newspaper editors alerted of changes to FOIA through articles in the ASNE publication, The American Editor. He has also participated in the United States Department of State’s “Speakers and Specialists” program as an expert speaker on access to government information in Argentina, Paraguay, Swaziland and Zambia.

DANIEL J. METCALFE

Dan Metcalfe is an adjunct professor at WCL and executive director of its Collaboration on Government Secrecy. He joined the WCL faculty in 2007 upon retiring from a career in government service that began at the Department of Justice in 1971. After a judicial clerkship and serving as a Justice Department trial attorney, he was appointed as a founding director of the Department’s Office of Information and Privacy in 1981. For more than a quarter-century, he guided all federal agencies on the governmentwide administration of the Freedom of Information Act, supervised the defense of more than 500 FOIA and Privacy Act lawsuits in district and appellate courts, and met with representatives of nearly 100 nations and international governing bodies as they considered the development and implementation of their own government transparency laws. He became a career member of the Senior Executive Service in 1984, the youngest Justice Department attorney then and since to hold such a position, and has been named an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University College London.

THOMAS M. SUSMAN

Tom Susman recently was appointed Director of Governmental Affairs for the American Bar Association. Prior to that, for more than two dozen years, he was a partner in the Washington Office of Ropes & Gray, where his work included counseling, litigation, and
lobbying on access to government information and privacy, in addition to a general legislative and regulatory practice. He has testified frequently on FOIA reform before the U.S. Congress and authored a number of works on information and privacy. He advised Shanghai on open government information, wrote a chapter on Access to Documents in the European Union for an ABA publication, co-authored a BNA portfolio on business information, and taught classes and courses on the FOIA to government lawyers, government access professionals, and law students. He has also been involved in a number of freedom of information cases at the state and federal levels and before foreign tribunals. He is a member of the American Law Institute and President of the District of Columbia Public Library Foundation.

Before joining Ropes & Gray, Mr. Susman served on Capitol Hill as general counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee; prior to that he was in the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice. He graduated from Yale University and received his J.D. from the University of Texas Law School. Among many honors that he has received over a long and distinguished career, he was the recipient this year of CGS's inaugural Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award, in recognition of his singular leadership role in the development of the FOIA.

HUGO TEUFEL III

Hugo Teufel III was appointed Chief Privacy Officer of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by Secretary Michael Chertoff on July 23, 2006. In this capacity and pursuant to Section 222 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Teufel has primary responsibility for privacy policy at the Department, to include: ensuring that the technologies used by the Department to protect the United States sustain, and do not erode, privacy protections relating to the use, collection, and disclosure of personal information; ensuring that the Department complies with fair information practices as set out in the Privacy Act of 1974; conducting privacy impact assessments of proposed rules at the Department; evaluating legislative and regulatory proposals involving collection, use, and disclosure of personal information by the Federal Government; and preparing an annual report to Congress on the activities of the Department that affect privacy. Further, Teufel serves as the Department's Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer. Teufel's responsibilities as Chief FOIA Officer include ensuring consistent and appropriate Department-wide statutory compliance and harmonized program and policy implementation.

Before joining the Privacy Office, Teufel served as the first Associate General Counsel for General Law at the Department of Homeland Security. Previously, Teufel served as the Associate Solicitor for General Law at the Department of the Interior. In each position, Teufel oversaw the provision of legal advice and counsel to a cabinet-level agency on privacy and FOIA matters. Before joining the Administration, Teufel practiced law at Hall and Evans, in Denver, Colorado; served as Deputy Solicitor General for the State of Colorado; was an associate at McKenna & Cuneo, in Denver, Colorado; and was a clerk to Chief Judge Loren A. Smith of the U.S. Claims Court.
Teufel graduated from the Washington College of Law of the American University and was the Senior Articles Editor of *The Administrative Law Journal*. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College. He is a member of the bars of Colorado and Maryland (inactive).

**ROBERT VAUGHN**

During his career at WCL, Robert Vaughn has been Scholar-in-Residence with the law faculty of King's College of the University of London, a visiting professor at the University of San Diego School of Law and a visiting professor at Ritsumeikan University School of Law in Kyoto, Japan. He has also served as a faculty member in summer programs in Santiago, Chile and Istanbul, Turkey. At WCL, he has received eight awards for outstanding teaching and in 1983 was selected as American University’s Teacher/Scholar of the Year, the university’s highest faculty award. During his visit at the University of San Diego School of Law, the student body there elected him Professor of the Year.

He has published on a variety of topics regarding public information law, public employment law, consumer law, and whistleblower protection. He is the author of a book on federal open government laws in the United States, the editor of a book on freedom of information, and the author of several articles addressing public information law. He has written several books on public employment law, including ones on civil service reform, principles of civil service law, conflict of interest regulation in the federal government, and the United States Merit Systems Protection Board. His public employment law articles address topics, such as, the right to disobey illegal orders, ethics in government, the Hatch Act, the role of public employment laws in the transition to democracy, and British regulation of public service ethics. He is the author of a book and related articles on consumer protection laws in South America. His articles on whistleblower protection address important statutes, such as, the whistleblower provision of the Civil Service Reform Act, the whistleblower provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, state whistleblower laws, and the model law to implement the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption. He is also the author of a book and articles on civil procedure, judicial reform and the federal courts.

Among his consulting positions have been ones with the Treasury and Civil Service Committee of the House of Commons, the World Bank, and the Office of Legal Cooperation of the Organization of American States. He has testified several times before Congress on civil service reform, the federal Freedom of Information Act, and whistleblower protection. He was the plaintiff in the landmark case of *Vaughn v. Rosen*, which in 1973 established important procedural requirements for litigation under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

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