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# NATIONAL SECURITY, CYBERSECURITY, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL  
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## WHO WE ARE

The George Washington University Law School impacts the law and the world, by uniquely combining renowned scholarship and a D.C.-infused education to prepare students who shape solutions to the pressing challenges of our times.

# NATIONAL SECURITY, CYBERSECURITY, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW

## AN EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM, A WELL-RESPECTED FACULTY, AN UNBEATABLE LOCATION

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The National Security, Cybersecurity, and Foreign Relations Law Program highlights GW Law's unique strengths: a nationally-recognized faculty, a comprehensive curriculum, and access to the extensive Washington, D.C., national security, cybersecurity, and foreign relations law community. The nation's capital hosts national security agencies and institutions, including the White House National Security Council, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of State, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and U.S. Institute of Peace—all of which are near GW Law.

The dozens of research centers and think tanks that conduct research in foreign relations, cybersecurity, and national security law include GW's on-campus National Security Archive, which provides a trove of declassified documents pertaining to national security for advanced research. Easy access to Capitol Hill allows students the opportunity to observe the work of House and Senate subcommittees firsthand. The area is also home to a large number of law firms and private sector companies with robust practice areas in the field.

The practice area explores the federal government's foreign relations powers and the U.S. law of national security and counterterrorism, including law related to

the use of armed forces and intelligence operations abroad, counterterrorism, homeland security, disaster relief and crises management, application of treaties and the law of nations, public controls on trade and foreign investment, admiralty, immigration and asylum, nonproliferation, treatment of aliens including detainees, the law of war, civilian control of the military, congressional investigations and oversight, classified information, and related topics. The practice area has expanded due to the growing vulnerabilities from physical and cyber threats and the world's increased connectivity through the use of modern technology and cyberspace, and includes law on the use of securing the critical cyber infrastructure and breaches.



## WE OFFER THREE DEGREE-PATHS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

### **JURIS DOCTOR (JD)**

*A traditional law degree with a concentration in national security and cybersecurity law or in national security and foreign relations law.*

### **MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY LAW OR IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW**

*For U.S.-educated students who have earned a JD and for international students with a primary degree in law.*

### **MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW (MSL) IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY LAW OR IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW**

*For professionals who do not have or seek a JD but who wish to deepen their knowledge of national security, cybersecurity, and foreign relations law.*



# CURRICULUM

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GW Law offers one of the largest course catalogs in this field, with more than 50 courses. Students will find both breadth and depth in various facets of the field for a thorough and up-to-date grounding in the evolving field. In addition, students may participate outside the classroom in panel discussions, seminars, and conferences featuring leading practitioners in this area of the law.

All courses are open to JD, MSL, and LLM candidates. The LLM degree programs provide training for new and experienced attorneys for careers in the field, while the MSL degree programs are designed for non-lawyer candidates seeking a deeper understanding of the law.

GW Law welcomes veterans and participates in the Veterans Administration's Yellow Ribbon Program.

A sample of course offerings:

## FOUNDATION COURSES

Cybersecurity Law and Policy  
Cybersecurity Law and Technology  
National Security Law  
Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity  
U.S. Foreign Relations Law

Disinformation, National Security, and Cybersecurity: Overview and Legal Approaches  
Domestic Terrorism  
Foreign Access to U.S. Technology  
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act  
Global Privacy Law and Conflict Seminar  
Homeland Security Law  
Intelligence Law  
The Law of Secrecy  
Nation Building and the Rule of Law  
Nuclear Nonproliferation Law and Policy  
Problems Trying Terrorists in Article III Courts  
Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law: Risk Management and Incident Response  
Transnational Security

## ADVANCED COURSES

Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy  
Aviation Law and National Security  
Blockchain Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity  
Counterintelligence Law and Policy  
Counterterrorism Law  
Crisis and Legal Controversy in the CIA  
Disaster Law

For course descriptions and a full listing of the law school curriculum, including courses related to this field, please visit the law school *Bulletin* at [www.law.gwu.edu/gwl/publications](http://www.law.gwu.edu/gwl/publications).

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Professor Emeritus Thomas Buerghenthal



Associate Dean Lisa M. Schenck

# PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

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We connect students with real-world practice. First, we promote skills-building through our groundbreaking Fundamentals of Lawyering course, which introduces first-year JD students to the nuanced analytical, research, and writing skills that provide a uniquely experiential introduction to life as an attorney and maps a path for professional identity formation and lifelong learning.

Next, our students gain hands-on experience through opportunities in field placement, with the advantage of participating year-round in placements throughout key institutions in the Washington, D.C., area. Finally, using these advantages of curriculum and location, we assist GW Law graduates in finding successful, fulfilling career opportunities.

## **FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Through GW Law's Field Placement Program, more than 600 students each year receive course credit, supervision by leading legal practitioners, and practical experience that helps jump-start their careers. Our students find dynamic, hands-on externships at organizations such as the Defense Intelligence Agency; the Service Judge Advocate General's Corps; Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism, U.S. Department of Justice; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice; and the Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

GW Law's Center for Professional Development and Career Strategy (Career Center), one of the largest legal career counseling teams in the country, is dedicated to helping students develop personalized career plans. All counselors are former practicing attorneys with extensive experience in the public and private sectors. Our counselors prepare students to hold clerkships; work at law firms; serve in government positions; and work internationally and domestically. The Career Center hosts nearly 100 programs annually, including panels, networking events, the fall recruitment program, spring interviewing program, and public sector recruitment program.

# THE FACULTY

GW Law is home to leading scholars in national security, cybersecurity, and foreign relations law who have authored leading casebooks in the field.

**Associate Dean and Program Director Lisa M. Schenck**, who served as a judge, lawyer, and educator in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps before retiring with the rank of colonel, is the author of numerous articles and wrote *Modern Military Justice: Cases and Materials* (3rd ed., West Academic, 2019). **Faculty Co-Director and Professor Edward Swaine** and **Professor Sean Murphy** co-author the leading case book, *U.S. Foreign Relations Law: Cases, Materials, and Practice Exercises*, (5<sup>th</sup> ed., American Casebook Series). **Faculty Co-Director and Professor Laura Dickinson**, a national security scholar was awarded the 2021 Mike Lewis Prize for National Security Law Scholarship for her article "National Security Policymaking in the Shadow of International Law" in the *Utah Law Review*, awarded to the best article on national security law published during the year. Tenured faculty members also include nationally-renowned privacy scholar **Professor Dan Solove**; **Professor F. Scott**

**Kieff**, whose work on international trade and innovation addresses national security issues; and **Professor Steve Charnovitz**, a prominent scholar of international trade law.

The program's adjunct faculty includes extraordinarily talented and experienced attorneys who have served in senior national security, cybersecurity, and foreign relations law positions within the U.S. government, international organizations, and the private sector. They include the former General Counsel of FEMA; the former Army Judge Advocate General and Deputy Judge Advocate General; former Inspector General of the Intelligence Community; a Court of Appeals Judge for the Armed Forces; former Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice and member of the U.N. Committee on Torture; Department of Justice lead litigators in computer crime, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and domestic terrorism; and leading experts on cyber law issues and on privacy and surveillance.

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SERVE AS ADJUNCT  
PROFESSORS





Professor Edward Swaine



Professor Laura Dickinson (center)



Professor Sean Murphy

# STUDENT ENRICHMENT

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## **NATIONAL SECURITY LAW ASSOCIATION (NSLA)**

GW Law's NSLA sponsors panel discussions, keynote speakers, and career networking events. NSLA also co-hosts an annual National Security Law Career Fair. The NSLA has held panels on the International Criminal Court, the legal ramifications of the U.S. government employing private security contractors, and intelligence surveillance.

## **MILITARY LAW SOCIETY (MLS)**

The MLS promotes scholarly discussion of military law, veterans' law, national security law, and related law topics, and builds professional ties between interested students, the law school, and the Washington, D.C., community. The society assists students in identifying internship and career opportunities. MLS students also are dedicated to pro bono work and general community service, participate in military affiliated community service opportunities, and provide assistance with various pro bono projects that provide legal services for servicemembers and veterans.

## **EVENTS**

Numerous events each year showcase the leading practitioners and policy makers in the field. Recent events include a fireside chat between GW Law Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew and General Counsel for the U.S. Department of the Army Carrie Ricci, LL.M '05, and a U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals appellate hearing.

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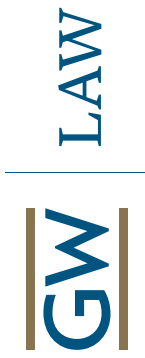
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