



# GW CENTER FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY: The Bernard Center





## 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.

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EDUCATION

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### DRIVING THE CONVERSATION AND BUILDING CAREERS

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GW Law has long been a leading force in patent, copyright, privacy, cybersecurity, and tech law. And we've stayed at the forefront of the law of emerging technologies, including AI. The GW Center for Law and Technology: The Bernard Center brings our work under one banner—and super-charges it.

This world-leading hub for cutting-edge and interdisciplinary scholarship, education, and policymaking includes:

30+ courses in intellectual property (IP) law

25+ courses in privacy, data security, AI, and tech law

IP and Tech Law Clinic

JD concentration in IP law

JD concentration in privacy, data security, and technology law

Opportunities to study comparative IP and tech law in Munich, Germany

LLM programs for foreign- and U.S.-trained lawyers

MSL programs for non-lawyers

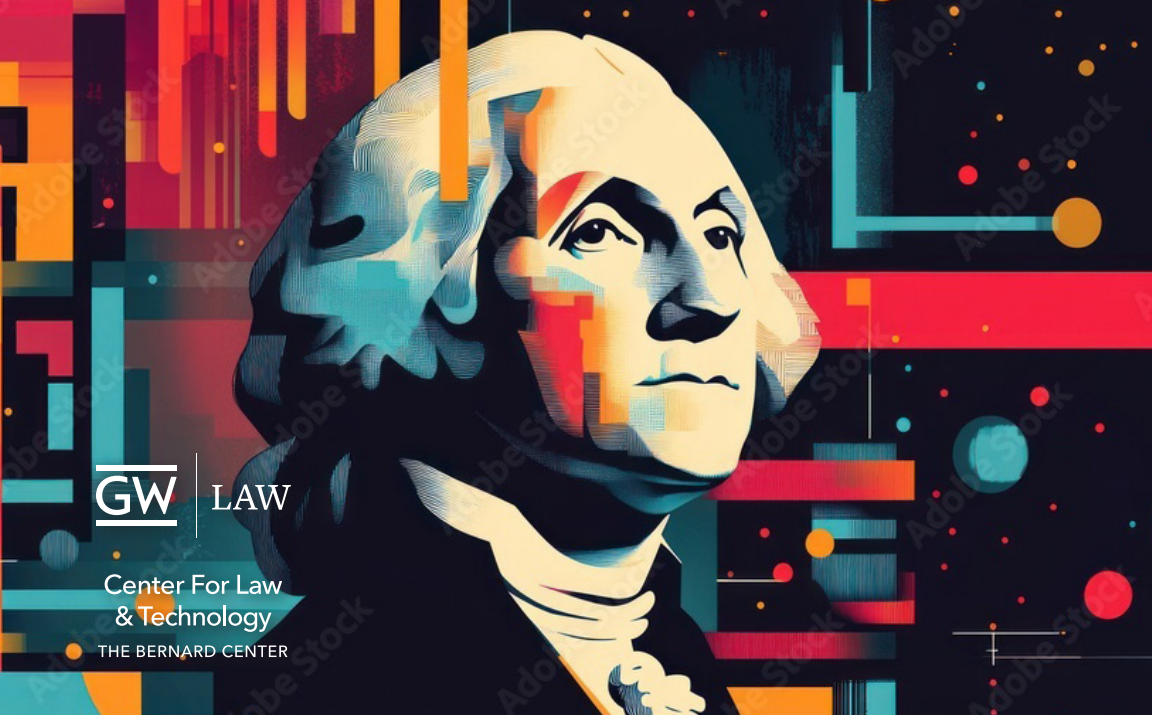
Public interest advocacy opportunities through the Ethical Tech Initiative and the Global Internet Freedom Project

Extensive support for placement in internships, for-credit externships, and fellowships in D.C. and beyond

Bernard Center-specific job fairs

Networking events with IP, privacy, and tech law practitioners

Moot court competitions and student-run journals on IP, privacy, and tech law



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THE BERNARD CENTER

“The Bernard Center puts GW Law at the forefront of two important and intersecting areas of law: intellectual property, and privacy and technology. Our goal is for students to have an unparalleled educational experience here—a broad and deep curriculum, events, scholarships, internships, fellowships, and other opportunities.”

— Daniel Solove

*Bernard Professor of Intellectual Property and Technology Law;  
Privacy and Technology Law Program Faculty Director*

# GW CENTER FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY:

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### A DC-INFUSED CENTER WITH A NATIONAL REACH

With our extensive curriculum and the many experiential opportunities for internships in the nation's capital, our students are uniquely well-prepared for careers in IP, privacy, and technology law. Unlike most law schools, which offer (at best) one or two courses in IP law and another in privacy law, the Bernard Center provides students the in-depth experience they need to practice at the intersection of law and technology with dozens of specialized electives, taught by leading experts.

It's no wonder that *U.S. News and World Report* consistently ranks our IP program as one of the top five in the nation. And that *Cybersecurity Guide* ranked our Cybersecurity Law program number one for 2025.

Our students who work with the Bernard Center have secured internships, summer associateships, and fellowships in the IP, privacy, and tech fields with:

*Chambers*-ranked law firms for IP, privacy, and technology law

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Copyright Office

U.S. Federal Trade Commission

U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Privacy and Civil Liberties

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. International Trade Commission

D.C. Attorney General's Office

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Intellectual Property

Congressional members and committees

Electronic Privacy Information Center

Electronic Frontier Foundation

International Association of Privacy Professionals



## The Bernard Center

### TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND SUPPORT FROM THE BEST



**Robert Brauneis**,  
*Bernard Center Faculty  
Co-Director; Michael  
J. McKeon Professor of  
Intellectual Property  
Law; Co-Director,  
Intellectual Property  
Program*, is a  
renowned scholar of

copyright and trademark law, including how these disciplines interact with AI.



**Daniel Solove**,  
*Bernard Center  
Faculty Co-Director;  
Bernard Professor of  
Intellectual Property  
and Technology Law*, is the world's  
most-cited scholar  
in the law and

technology field. Professor Solove's research focuses on information privacy law.



**Adrienne Fowler**,  
*Bernard Assistant  
Dean of Privacy and  
Technology Law*, oversees all things  
related to privacy,  
data security, AI,  
and tech law for  
the center. She

recently joined GW Law after leading the data protection practice at a boutique law firm and serving in the Department of Justice.



**John Whealan**,  
*Associate Dean for  
Intellectual Property  
Law*, oversees all  
things related to IP  
law for the center,  
serving as a mixture  
of academic and  
career advisor, legal

instructor, head of the IP LLM and MSL concentration, and convener of expert events. Before joining GW Law, he practiced IP law in various key governmental roles and in private practice.

Numerous other full-time GW Law professors are affiliated with the Bernard Center.

Other faculty include **Dawn Nunziato**, *The Pedas Family Endowed Professorship*; **William Wallace Kirkpatrick**, *Research Professor*, focuses on internet policy and co-chairs the Global Internet Freedom Project. **Chris Cotropia**, *David Weaver Research Professor of Law*, has produced empirical studies of the patent system (and has award-winning teaching skills). **Mary Anne Franks**, *Eugene L. and Barbara A. Bernard Professor in Intellectual Property, Technology, and Civil Rights Law*, is a leading voice on the regulation of online speech. **F. Scott Kieff**, *Stevenson Bernard Professor of Law*, is a former Commissioner of the U.S. International Trade Commission who teaches at the intersection of IP law, international trade, and anti-trust. **Kristen Johnson**, *Professor of Law*, is a former Commissioner for the Commodities Futures

Trading Commission and expert on fintech. **Spencer Overton**, *Patricia Roberts Harris Research Professor of Law*, studies the impact of AI on multiracial democracy. **Andrew Guthrie Ferguson**, *Professor of Law*, is one of the nation's leading legal experts on predictive policing, big data policing, and emerging surveillance technologies. **Alicia Solow-Niederman**, *Associate Professor of Law*, teaches and studies at the bleeding edge of AI law.

For additional biographical information, please visit our website.



The center also has impressive part-time faculty members, drawn from the unique community of legal talent in the nation's capital, including several current and former government officials and judges.

"The center's deeply experienced leadership team is able to give students individualized support, amplify faculty scholarship, and organize legal rock-star events multiple times each semester."

—John Whealan

*Associate Dean for Intellectual Property Law;*

# ELIMINATING SILOS

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The rise of generative AI highlights the convergence of IP, privacy, and tech law. The Bernard Center is meeting the moment by offering cross-disciplinary courses and fostering scholarly collaboration across different areas of the law.

“IP law is an area that has always involved addressing challenges posed by new technologies. Now IP law faces a profound set of challenges from AI. The Bernard Center meets these challenges head-on.”

—Robert Brauneis

*Michael J. McKeon Professor of Intellectual Property Law;  
Co-Director, Intellectual Property Program*





# VIBRANT CAMPUS COMMUNITY

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The Bernard Center fosters a collaborative and well-supported community of students and scholars interested in all things IP, privacy, and tech law. We hold numerous events each academic year, designed to share the important scholarship of our faculty and to bring in outside voices on important issues in IP, privacy, and tech law. The center also works closely with a variety of student groups and student-edited journals, including:

Student IP Law Association (SIPLA)

Tech Law Students Association

Ethical Tech Initiative

*GW Journal of Law and Technology*

*American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal*

*Federal Circuit Bar Journal*

*The Federal Communications Law Journal*



# THE BERNARD LEGACY

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The Bernard Center was founded with a generous bequest from Eugene L. and Barbara A. Bernard. Gene graduated from GW Law in 1951, two years before he married his wife of 67 years, Barbara. Gene went on to become one of D.C.'s most respected intellectual property lawyers, and he argued a key case on the patent misuse doctrine before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Always forward-looking, the Bernards designated their gift to be used to support intellectual property and technology law. Gene's dedication and Barbara's generosity will make a difference for generations to come.

## Support the Center

Join us in our mission to build the future of IP, privacy, AI, and tech law. We welcome your involvement!

To find out more about how you can support the GW Center for Law and Technology: The Bernard Center, please contact **Bruce Martin**, *Executive Director of Development at GW Law*, at [bwmartin@law.gwu.edu](mailto:bwmartin@law.gwu.edu) or 202-994-0841. Or donate today.



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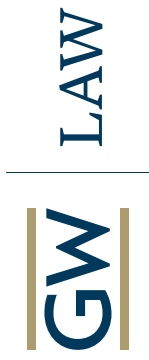
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