

HOMELAND SECURITY LAW TRAINING PROGRAM

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Presenter Bios

Joseph Maher currently serves as the Principal Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Under the General Counsel, Mr. Maher advises the Secretary and other senior leaders on a wide array of homeland security and other matters. Mr. Maher joined the Department shortly after its creation, and he has served there in a number of legal positions, including as the Associate General Counsel for Regulatory and Legislative Affairs and as a legal advisor to the Department's Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Mr. Maher has practiced law in the private sector at an international law firm where he litigated cases in both trial and appellate courts. He has also practiced law at the U.S. Department of Labor, serving first as a Special Assistant to the Solicitor of Labor and then as the Associate Deputy Solicitor of Labor. Prior to law school, Mr. Maher applied his training as an engineer in working for Material Sciences Corporation. Mr. Maher graduated with honors from both the University of Chicago Law School, where he served on the *Law Review*, and Northwestern University (earning a degree in Materials Science and Engineering). He also holds a Master of Laws degree (National Security Law) from Georgetown University. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable E. Grady Jolly on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Topics:

- Introduction to Office of General Counsel
- Overview of the Homeland Security Act
- Ten Important Things DHS Attorneys Should Know or Do

John F. Havranek is the Associate General Counsel for Operations and Enforcement at the Department of Homeland Security, Office of General Counsel and is an Appellate Judge for the U.S. Coast Guard Court of

Criminal Appeals. As the Associate General Counsel for the Operations and Enforcement Law Division, John is responsible for providing legal advice concerning DHS enforcement matters, international law, national security matters, operations, and all-hazards incident management, including the provision of legal support to aid in the development and management of policies, plans, exercises, training, and incident management. Secretary Napolitano appointed John to the Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals on May 2, 2011. John retired from the U.S. Marine Corps where his last assignment on active duty was serving as the Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, specializing in operational law, the law of war, and detention operations. During his military career, John served as a Staff Judge Advocate, prosecutor, defense counsel, appellate counsel, and Military Judge. John Havranek is originally from Fremont, Nebraska and is a graduate of Creighton University and the Creighton University School of Law.

Topics:

- Law Enforcement Authorities of DHS
- Practical Exercise Lead
- DHS Response to Emergencies and Disasters
- DHS International Law

Lillian Cheng is a Senior Attorney-Advisor at the U.S. Secret Service Office of Chief Counsel. She primarily focuses on providing legal support for the agency's Office of Protection and Office of Investigation. In that capacity, she has served as the Secret Service co-chair of the Legal Subcommittee for security planning for National Special Security Events such as the 2012 Republican National Convention, 2011 Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, 2010 Nuclear Summit, and 2009 G-20 Summit. Prior to working for the Secret Service, Ms. Cheng served as a state prosecutor for six years in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in Massachusetts where she specialized in appellate work. Ms. Cheng graduated from Amherst College (1995) with a B.A. *magna cum laude* in history and received her J.D. *magna cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School in 1998. After law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sherman Horton on the New Hampshire Supreme Court and

then as a law clerk to the Honorable Joyce London Alexander, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Massachusetts. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Arizona.

Topic:

● Law Enforcement Authorities of DHS

CDR Michael Cintron (USCG) Commander Cintron currently serves as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Coast Guard's Seventh District.

Prior to this assignment he served as an attorney advisor at the DHS Office of General Counsel. He previously served as a Staff Attorney, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, and a defense counsel at the Navy's Defense Service Office in Norfolk, Virginia. He received his Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law in December of 2010. He was admitted practice law in Florida in April of 2011.

Commander Cintron received his Bachelors in Science in Government from the United States Coast Guard Academy. Upon receiving his commission he reported onboard USCGC VIGILANT as a Deck Watch Officer. In August 2002, he reported onboard USCGC OCRACOKE, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as Executive Officer. In 2004, he reported to Coast Guard Headquarters as the Transfer Training Manager for the Coast Guard's Foreign Military Sales Office. In April of 2006, he assumed command of USCGC ADAK in Manama, Bahrain, where he performed missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In May of 2007 he assumed command of USCGC FARALLON in Miami Beach, Florida. He was accepted into the Coast Guard's funded legal program in 2008.

Commander Cintron's Individual military awards include two Meritorious Service Medals with the Operational Distinguishing Device, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals with the Operational Distinguishing Device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with the Operational Distinguishing Device, Navy Achievement Medal and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Topics:

● Law Enforcement Authorities of DHS

● DHS Response to Emergencies and Disasters

Virginia Clay is a 1990 graduate of the College of William and Mary, where she earned a BA in History. She taught U.S. History to high school students for six years before attending the University of Pennsylvania Law School. At Penn, Ms. Clay was a member of the *Law Review*, a legal writing instructor, and earned her JD *summa cum laude* in 1999. After law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Francis Murnaghan on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Ms. Clay worked in private practice in Pennsylvania for two years before joining U.S. Customs and Border Protection in 2003 as a General Attorney and legal instructor with the Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Training) in Glynco, GA. She now serves as a Senior Attorney for CBP.

Topics:

- Immigration Issues and DHS
- Law Enforcement Authorities of DHS

Pamela Eclar Diequez is an Associate Legal Advisor for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, where she advises Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents on various issues, including identity and benefit fraud, worksite enforcement, surveillance, and exploitation crimes. From 2009 to 2011, she was a Program Manager at ICE HSI Office of International Affairs, Exploitation Crimes Unit, and provided policy guidance and technical assistance in human trafficking, forced labor, asylum fraud, and visa security. Prior to joining ICE, Ms. Diéguez was an Asylum Officer from 2007 to 2009 at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations. A former military officer, Ms. Diéguez received a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps commission in 1999 and served in the Civil Engineer Corps until 2004, completing assignments as the Environmental Officer at Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA and Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Naval Air Station Oceana, VA. Ms. Diéguez holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil/Environmental Engineering from The George Washington University. She received a Juris Doctorate from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) David A. Clarke School of Law, where she served as an Associate Editor of the UDC Law Review. Ms. Diéguez is a

graduate of the Presidential Management Fellows Program, and is a member of the Maryland State Bar and the Maryland State Bar Association Criminal and Immigration Law Sections.

Topic:

●Law Enforcement Authorities of DHS

Timothy Weston is Senior Counsel for the DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP), within the TSA Office of Chief Counsel's Enforcement and Incident Management Division. In this capacity, Mr. Weston serves as the senior attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel responsible for providing legal advice to DHS TRIP on matters related to individuals who experience travel difficulties related to their placement on the various terrorism watch lists. Additionally, Mr. Weston is the Year of Learning coordinator for OCC, where he manages the bi-weekly training and professional development sessions offered to all members within OCC.

Mr. Weston joined the TSA Office of Chief Counsel in July, 2012. Prior to assuming his duties as Senior Counsel for DHS TRIP, he served as the Senior Counsel for Investigations while embedded with TSA's Office of Inspection and he has also served as an Attorney-Advisor in the Administrative Litigation group. Mr. Weston also serves as a member of the DHS OGC's Crisis Cell and is active with the DHS OGC Cyber Policy Law Group. Prior to joining TSA, Mr. Weston worked for the City of Oklahoma City, as an Assistant Municipal Counselor in the Civil Litigation Division, where he defended the City before state and federal district courts.

Mr. Weston received his B.S. from Oklahoma State University (2001) and his J.D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law (2006). Additionally, Mr. Weston received his LL.M. in National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations from The George Washington University Law School (2012). He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Topic:

●Law Enforcement Authorities of DHS

Phillis R. Morgan is a veteran labor and employment law attorney, having counseled private and federal sector clients for more than 25 years in labor issues, employee discipline, workplace discrimination and whistleblower reprisal. She has practiced before the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Merit Systems Protection Board and Federal Courts. She is currently with the Department of Homeland Security, Office of General Counsel, having held previous positions with the Department of Justice and United States Air Force. Ms. Morgan has delivered training at numerous conferences sponsored by a variety of organizations including LRP Publications, the American Bar Association, Federal Express, the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice. She has written for a number of publications and is the author of “The Federal Labor Relations Manual: Your Guide to Navigating the Law.”

Topic:

● Labor & Employment Law

John Dermody is an Attorney-Advisor with the Intelligence Law Division of the Office of the General Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security. He primarily supports the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, focusing on departmental information sharing issues and information sharing agreements with the intelligence community. Before joining DHS he was an Associate Deputy General Counsel at the Department of Defense.

Topic:

● Information Sharing and Safeguarding

Michael O. Halas is an attorney-advisor in the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), focusing on cybersecurity and infrastructure protection. Before his current position, he rotated through the legal offices of the Secret Service, DHS

headquarters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Customs and Border Protection as an attorney-advisor in DHS's honors program. Before joining DHS, he was a judicial law clerk for United States District Judge Eric N. Vitaliano of the Eastern District of New York, a judicial law clerk for Justice Carolyn Berger of the Delaware Supreme Court, a patent agent and technology specialist at WilmerHale, and an engineer at IBM. He holds a J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law and a B.S. in electrical and computer engineering from the Rutgers University School of Engineering.

Topic:

● Cyber and Infrastructure Security

Tim Miller is a Subject Matter Expert on the Use of Force with the Legal Division at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. He was previously the Branch Chief for the Legal Division in charge of basic and advanced legal training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Mr. Miller joined the United States Marine Corps in 1984 after taking the Illinois state bar exam. During 20-years of service, he served as a prosecutor, defense counsel, military judge, and staff judge advocate. He was the Staff Judge Advocate for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). The MEU spearheaded Operation Restore Hope on December 9, 1992 to provide humanitarian assistance to the civilian war-torn and famine stricken country of Somalia, Africa. He deployed again after September 11, 2001. This time he was the Staff Judge Advocate for Joint Task Force 160, which was responsible for detention operations for suspected Al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. His third deployment was in 2003. Again he was the Staff Judge Advocate; this time for a large logistics command supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Miller retired from the Marine Corps in July 2004 and joined the Legal Division that same month. He was a Senior Instructor for two years and accepted the Branch Chief position in 2006. Tim received a Bachelor of Science Degree and JD from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois. He received his LL.M from the Army Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Topic:

● Use of Force Instruction and Practical Exercise

Stacie Lynn Chapman is an Assistant Chief Counsel (ACC) with the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) in Orlando, Florida. She joined Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2012 through the Student to Attorney Recruitment Program (STAR), and began her legal career with the OCC in Arlington, Virginia. There, ACC Chapman successfully litigated National Security, Human Rights Violator, detained and non-detained cases. In the summer of 2014, she was selected as one of the lead attorneys to prosecute the Artesia Family Unit Cases. ACC Chapman also operated as the Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Embedded Attorney for Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Since transferring to Orlando, ACC Chapman continues to effectively litigate priority cases and serves as the ERO Embedded Attorney for Central and Northern Florida. In that capacity, she provides ERO with legal advice and training on a variety of detention and immigration issues, and assists in the planning of fugitive operations. ACC Chapman is a certified Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) instructor, and subject matter expert on the Fourth Amendment, Stipulated and Administrative Removals. Before joining ICE, she also served as a legal intern at the OCC in Atlanta, Georgia. ACC Chapman is a graduate of Indiana University (2004) and Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (2012), where she graduated *magna cum laude* and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the school's law journal.

Topic:

● Immigration Issues and DHS

John Miles is the USCIS Deputy Chief Counsel for Field Management. John has more than twenty years of legal experience in immigration law. He began his career as a law clerk with the Executive Office for Immigration Review. He then served as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. After joining USCIS, he served as Service Center Counsel at the National Benefits Center and then as the Deputy Chief of the Adjudications Law Division. John received his undergraduate degree in Spanish from Hendrix

College, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Topic:

● Immigration Issues and DHS

Ozlem Barnard is currently serving as an Attorney Advisor (on detail) with Office of General Counsel Immigration Law Division of Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In this capacity, Oz provides legal advice to organizational unit within Office of General Counsel and components of DHS on wide range of complex and novel issues relating to immigration matters. Oz also provides legal advice and guidance for international, interagency, and intergovernmental issues relating to immigration in support of DHS' mission.

She has been the lead POC Associate Legal Advisor at Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for juvenile issues, where her responsibilities included assisting ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations with a range of legal and policy issues, providing guidance to field offices on national trends relating to juveniles, and collaborating with other federal agencies and stakeholders. In her capacity as the lead POC for juvenile issues, Oz provided interagency trainings on juvenile matters, including a training for immigration judges.

In 2014, Oz was nominated by her client for excellence in client and partnership support. In 2015, Oz was recognized by the Office of General Counsel of DHS for her extraordinary work as part of the legal response team to the cross border influx of unaccompanied children. In 2015, Oz was awarded by OPLA for her teamwork in collaborating issues regarding family detention matters.

Oz Barnard joined DHS as an Assistant Chief Counsel in San Francisco in 2007. Oz later continued to serve as an Assistant Chief Counsel at the Stewart Detention Center and Atlanta. Over six years as a trial attorney at ICE, Oz successfully prosecuted thousands of cases, including those involving human rights violators and priority criminals. Oz also served as the lead POC in assisting Department of Justice on pending federal litigation matters relating to immigration. Prior to joining the Government, Oz represented clients before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and New York Immigration Court.

Oz earned her Civil Law Degree in Turkey and her L.L.M. (Masters of Law in International and Comparative Law) from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Subsequently, Oz worked with the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in Netherlands, where she interned with the Office of the Prosecutor, bringing to justice war criminals such as Slobodan Milosevic.

Topic:

●Immigration Issues and DHS

Robert Parker Deputy Associate Chief Counsel – Response Directorate, serves as FEMA's Deputy Associate Chief Counsel for Response, tasked with providing legal counsel to the FEMA Assistant Administrator for Response and the Headquarters Response Senior Staff including response logistics operations. The team also provides counsel to the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC), and the National Watch Center (NWC).

Parker is a native of Chicago, Illinois, a graduate of Georgetown University, (BSBA) and Chicago-Kent College of Law, (JD). He was commissioned as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Navy and served both on active duty and in the Naval Reserve. He retired as a Captain in 2009.

Prior to joining FEMA in 2004, Parker was in private practice in Chicago, Illinois. In 1999 he was called to active duty with the U.S. Navy and served on active duty through the attacks of 9/11. In 2004 he was released from active military service and joined FEMA as a Field Attorney with follow-on assignments as counsel to Federal Coordinating Officers at Joint Field Offices in Indianapolis, Indiana, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Asheville, North Carolina, Baton Rouge/New Orleans, Louisiana and Albany, New York. Parker serves as an instructor at the Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Introduction to OCC Field Operations and Advanced Attorney Training Courses and is a member of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of General Counsel Crisis Cell.

Topic:

●DHS Responses to Emergencies and Disasters

Lesley Stein is the Deputy Associate General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Office of the General Counsel's Regulatory Affairs Law Division provides leadership and legal support for regulatory and administrative law matters across DHS. Ms. Stein previously served as an Attorney Advisor in the Regulatory Affairs Law Division. Prior to joining DHS, Ms. Stein served as an Attorney Advisor in the Regulations and Legislation Division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Office of the General Counsel. Ms. Stein began her legal career as an Honors Attorney at HUD. Ms. Stein graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio, with a specialization in Public Law and Regulatory Institutions. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Journalism, *summa cum laude*, from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Prior to law school, Ms. Stein was the Marketing Director for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival in Canton, Ohio.

Topic:

●Regulations and Legislative Affairs

Victoria Rapoport is an Attorney-Advisor with the Legislative Affairs group in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Mrs. Rapoport primarily focuses on legislative issues regarding law enforcement, intelligence and information sharing, customs and trade law, and border and maritime security. Mrs. Rapoport joined the Legislative Affairs team in 2011 after completing the DHS honors program. As an honors attorney, Mrs. Rapoport worked with ICE, CBP, Technology Programs and the Operations and Enforcement Law Division.

Mrs. Rapoport graduated from UCLA with a B.S. in political science and art history. She received her J.D. from the University of San Diego, where she served as an editor with the San Diego International Law Journal.

Topic:

●Regulations and Legislative Affairs

Lavanya “Elle” Ratnam, Elle is the Assistant General Counsel for Intellectual Property. As part of her responsibilities, she manages DHS’s intellectual property portfolio, and provides all DHS Components with intellectual property guidance. She has also represented DHS’s interests at the Solicitor General’s Office, the White House, DOJ, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and with various interagency intellectual property groups. In the last few years, Ms. Ratnam has negotiated more than 100 complex intellectual property licenses in international agreements, and managed dozens of intellectual property lawsuits or disputes for the Department. Prior to joining DHS, Ms. Ratnam had the honor of working as a staff attorney for a judge, and she also worked several years as an attorney at a prominent intellectual property law firm, Finnegan Henderson. She is patent barred, holds a MS in Molecular Biology from Johns Hopkins, a BS in Biochemistry from Stony Brook University, and a JD from American University. She has recently completed her thesis on patent litigation, and will receive a Master’s Degree from Harvard University.

Topic:

●Intellectual Property

Michael J. Davidson currently serves as the Assistant General Counsel for Appropriation and Fiscal Law, DHS Office of General Counsel. Prior to

working at DHS OGC, Mike was the Chief and Deputy Chief for the Commercial and Administrative Law Division at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Office of the Principal Legal Advisor. Mike previously served as a supervisory and litigation attorney with the Department of the Treasury and as an Army Judge Advocate, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mike earned his B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy, his J.D. from the College of William & Mary, a LL.M. in Military Law from the Army's Judge Advocate General's School, a second LL.M. in Government Procurement Law from George Washington University (GWU), and a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D) in Government Procurement Law from GWU. He is the author of two books and 50 legal articles.

Topic:

●Fiscal and Procurement Law

Stephen Jamrozy serves as an Attorney-Advisor with the Department of Homeland Security Ethics Division. His principal responsibility is to provide ethics services for the National Protection Programs Directorate.

Prior to his appointment with the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Jamrozy served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Navy. During his Career with the Navy, he served as a Military Judge, Defense Counsel and Prosecutor in Washington, DC and Corpus Christi, Texas. He also has served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. His civil law positions included Head of Claims and Legal Assistance for a Naval Legal Service Office in Charleston, South Carolina. His operational law experience includes service as a deployed Staff Judge Advocate for Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, stationed in San Diego California, and service as a Legal Observer-Trainer with the Deployable Training Team from the U.S. Joint Warfighting Center. Leadership and management positions include service as Executive Officer of Naval Legal Service Office in Charleston, South Carolina and Officer in Charge of the Naval Legal Service Office Detachment in Rota, Spain. Mr. Jamrozy also served as the principal Legal Advisor to Naval Air Station, Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and the Navy Warfare Development Command.

Mr. Jamrozy holds a Bachelor of Arts from Drury University, a Master of Arts in International Relations from St. Mary's University, a Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law and a Master of Laws from the Judge Advocate General's School. He has been awarded subspecialty designations in Health Care Law, Criminal Law and National Security Studies by the Department of the Navy.

Topic:

●Ethics

Grace Cheng is a 1999 graduate of the University of Southern California Law School. After eight years of private practice, Grace joined the Office of Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement, as an associate legal advisor in January 2008. She served in a number of different capacities before becoming the Chief of the Government Information Law Division in 2012. Grace joined the DHS Office of General Counsel as FOIA and Privacy counsel in August 2013, where she is responsible for the Department's FOIA litigation portfolio, as well as advising the DHS Privacy office on various legal issues. When not at work, Grace is an avid runner, and keeps busy with her husband, three kids, and a houseful of pets.

Topic:

●FOIA & Privacy