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Swire is a Professor of Law and Ethics at the Scheller College of Business and an internationally recognized expert in privacy law.

Biography

Peter Swire is Professor of Law and Ethics at the Georgia Tech Scheller College of Business, and Associate Director for Policy of the Georgia Tech Institute for Information Security and Privacy. He has appointments by courtesy with the College of Computing and School of Public Policy. He is Senior Counsel with Alston & Bird, LLP. In 2019, the Future of Privacy Forum awarded Swire the inaugural Outstanding Academic Scholarship Award. In 2018, Swire was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow for research on "Protecting Human Rights and National Security in the New Era of Data Nationalism." In 2015, the International Association of Privacy Professionals awarded him its Privacy Leadership Award. In 2013, he served as one of five members of President Obama's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology. Prior to that, he was co-chair of the global Do Not Track process for the World Wide Web Consortium. He is a member of the National Academies' Forum on Cyber-Resiliency. Under President Clinton, Swire was the Chief Counselor for Privacy, in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. He was the first person to have U.S. government-wide responsibility for privacy policy. In that role, his activities included being White House coordinator for the HIPAA medical privacy rule, chairing a White House task force on how to update wiretap laws for the Internet age, and helping negotiate the U.S.-E.U. Safe Harbor agreement for trans-border data flows. Under President Obama, he served as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. Swire is author of six books and numerous scholarly papers. He has testified often before the Congress, and been quoted regularly in the press. Swire graduated from Princeton University, summa cum laude, and the Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Areas of Expertise

Privacy and Cybersecurity, Law of Cyberspace

Affiliations

Alston & Bird LLP: Senior Counsel, The Future of Privacy Forum: Senior Fellow, Center for Democracy and Technology: Policy Fellow, Center for American Progress: Senior Fellow, W3C: Co-Chair, Tracking Protection Working Group, Ohio State University: C. William O'Neill Professor of Law, White House, National Economic Council: Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team: Member, Morrison & Foerster LLP: Consultant, White House, Office of Management & Budget: Chief Counselor for Privacy

Education

Yale Law School

J.D. Doctor of Law

Princeton University
B.A. Economics & Public Affairs

Selected Accomplishments

Privacy Leadership Award of the International Association of Privacy Professionals

Annual award of the IAPP, a group with over 20,000 members, 2015

American Library Association 2014 James Madison Award

To the Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology, for “the public’s right to know at the national level”, 2014

Named John Glenn Scholar in Public Policy Research

By the John Glenn Institute for Public Policy & Public Service, for “What Should Still be Secret? Lessons on Anti-terrorism, Cybersecurity, and Privacy”, 2003

Distinguished Privacy Leadership Award

Presented by Privacy & American Business, 2000

Future of Privacy Forum, 10th Anniversary Celebration, 2019

2019

Annual award of the IAPP, a group with over 20,000 members, 2015

2015

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

In recognition of his thought leadership and contribution to privacy scholarship, and is the first academic to be honored by Future of Privacy Forum (FPF).

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