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Prior to joining the AVC Bureau, Ms. Friedt served as the Director of the Office of Policy and Regional Affairs in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs and as the Director for Arms Control and Nonproliferation at the National Security Council from 2009-2011. While on the National Security Staff, she was a key player in the successful negotiation and ratification of the New START Treaty and worked to update conventional arms control in Europe, strengthen European security, and advance missile defense cooperation with Russia.

Ms. Friedt has enjoyed a thirty-three year career at the Department of State, focusing on European foreign policy with an emphasis on Russia and European security and nonproliferation. During the past decade, she actively worked on European security issues, including NATO missile defense and, missile defense cooperation with Russia. Ms. Friedt began her career at the Department of State working as an advisor to Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and then Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel. She worked as a Soviet and then Russia foreign policy analyst in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, and served two tours in the Political Section at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, from 1989-1992 and again from 1997-1999.

Ms. Friedt has earned numerous awards, including seven Superior Honor awards for her work on U.S.-Russia and European Security Issues. Ms. Friedt holds a B.A. from James Madison University, and an M.A. from Georgetown University. She is proficient in German and Russian.