

Biography for Clare Morell

Clare Morell is a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) and director of its Technology and Human Flourishing Project. She is also the author of the forthcoming book, *The Tech Exit: A Practical Guide to Freeing Kids and Teens from Smartphones*, which will be published by Penguin Random House in June, 2025. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Fox News*, *the New York Post*, *Newsweek*, *National Review*, *The Hill*, *The Dispatch*, *National Affairs*, *The Federalist*, *The American Conservative*, *Public Discourse*, *American Affairs*, *The Washington Times*, *The Daily Signal*, *Bloomberg News*, *First Things*, and *WORLD Magazine*. Ms. Morell frequently consults with legislators on technology policy and has helped draft legislation to protect children online.

Prior to joining EPPC, Ms. Morell worked in both the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice, as well as in the private and non-profit sectors. At the Department of Justice, Ms. Morell worked as an Advisor to Attorney General Bill Barr. As part of her work for the Attorney General, she helped oversee the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice and served as Editor of the Commission's final report. Ms. Morell also supported the Attorney General's work on Section 230 reform as one of his main priorities.

Prior to her role with the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Morell worked on judicial nominations for the White House Counsel's office and monitored all nominations data to create high-level presentations for briefing White House leadership. From her experience, Ms. Morell brings an intimate knowledge and understanding of how policy is advanced within the Executive Branch of the federal government, particularly in the Department of Justice and the White House.

Ms. Morell received a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, where she majored in Science, Technology, and International Affairs. She graduated *summa cum laude* and received the Edmund A. Walsh Award for academic achievement in international law. Ms. Morell lives with her husband and three children in Washington, D.C.

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EXPERIENCE

The Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC, April 2021- Present

Fellow, Director of the Technology and Human Flourishing Project, September 2024-Present

Senior Policy Analyst, Director of the Technology and Human Flourishing Project, March 2023-September 2024

Policy Analyst, Big Tech Project, March 2021-March 2023

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Attorney General, Washington, DC

Deputy White House Liaison and Advisor to the Attorney General, GS-13, October 2020 – January 2021

Director of Scheduling, GS-12, February 2020 – October 2020

Office of White House Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC

Legal Assistant, Judicial Nominations, May 2019 – February 2020

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women, Washington, DC

Special Assistant to the Acting Director, GS-11, July 2018 - May 2019

Ropes & Gray, LLP, Washington, DC

Litigation Paralegal, August 2016 - July 2018

International Justice Mission (IJM), Guatemala City, Guatemala

Monitoring, Design, and Evaluation Intern, September 2015 - August 2016

Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Washington, DC

Committee Intern for Minority Office, January 2014 - May 2014

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service; May 2015 *Major*: Science, Technology, and International Affairs (STIA)

Cumulative GPA: 3.98. Class Rank: 4 of 426, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society (<4% eligible), Edmund A. Walsh Medal for academic achievement in International Law

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING

PUBLICATIONS

- “This is No Time to Go Wobbly on Screen Use,” *The Wall Street Journal*, Letter to the Editor, February 8, 2025, <https://www.wsj.com/opinion/this-is-no-time-to-go-wobbly-on-screen-use-social-media-teens-1f04ba56>
- “Abolishing Department of Education Could Save Student Privacy,” *Newsweek*, February 7, 2025, <https://www.newsweek.com/abolishing-department-education-could-save-student-privacy-opinion-2026578> (co-authored with Meg Leta Jones)
- “TikTok Is Digital Fentanyl—U.S. Ownership Won’t Change That,” *First Things*, January 31, 2025, <https://firstthings.com/tiktok-is-digital-fentanyl-u-s-ownership-wont-change-that/>
- “America’s Families Need a Strong Federal Trade Commission Under Trump,” *The Daily Signal*, January 30, 2025, <https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/01/30/americas-families-need-a-strong-federal-trade-commission-under-trump/>
- “A Future for the Family: A New Technology Agenda for the Right,” *First Things*, January 29, 2025, <https://firstthings.com/a-future-for-the-family-a-new-technology-agenda-for-the-right/> (co-authored with Jon Askonas, Michael Toscano, Brad Littlejohn, and Emma Waters)

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- “Stop Hacking Humans,” *The New Atlantis*, January 27, 2025, <https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/stop-hacking-humans> (co-authored with Brad Littlejohn and Emma Waters)
- “A Possible Win for the Kids of America,” *WORLD Magazine*, January 16, 2025, <https://wng.org/opinions/a-possible-win-for-the-kids-of-america-1737025614>
- “Texas Web-Porn Law Protects Kids Without Harming Adults,” *Bloomberg News*, January 15, 2025, <https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2025-01-15/supreme-court-should-allow-texas-to-protect-kids-from-porn> (co-authored with Meg Leta Jones)
- “Parents Can’t Fight Porn Alone,” *First Things*, January 10, 2025, <https://firstthings.com/parents-cant-fight-porn-alone/> (co-authored with Brad Littlejohn)
- Amicus Brief filed in *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton* before the Supreme Court, November 22, 2024, https://eppc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/20241122181620210_EPPC-Scholars-Brief-Free-Speech-Coalition-FILED.pdf (co-authored with Brad Littlejohn, Eric Kniffin, and Rachel Morrison)
- “America On-the-Line.” *American Compass*, October 30, 2024. <https://americancompass.org/america-on-the-line/>
- “The Kids Online Safety Act was a good start, but app stores need accountability too,” *The Hill*, September 29, 2024, <https://thehill.com/opinion/4904617-app-store-accountability-act/> (co-authored with Adam Candeub and Michael Toscano)
- “Courts Are Letting Social-Media Platforms Get Away with Manipulating Children,” *National Review*, September 24, 2024, <https://www.nationalreview.com/2024/09/courts-are-letting-social-media-platforms-get-away-with-manipulating-children/> (co-authored with Adam Candeub)
- “‘Educational’ Screens in Classrooms Do More Harm Than Good | Opinion.” *Newsweek*, September 17, 2024. <https://www.newsweek.com/educational-screens-classrooms-do-more-harm-good-opinion-1953468>.
- “Parents Need Backup to Protect Kids Online—The Senate Delivered | Opinion.” *Newsweek*, August 8, 2024. <https://www.newsweek.com/parents-need-backup-protect-kids-big-tech-senate-delivered-opinion-1935255>.
- “Getting Phones out of Schools,” The Ethics and Public Policy Center, August 5, 2024, <https://eppc.org/publication/getting-phones-out-of-schools/>
- “Parents need help to protect their kids from online pornography,” *The Hill*, July 6, 2024, <https://thehill.com/opinion/4756273-supreme-court-age-verification/>
- “The Soft Tyranny of Smartphones” *National Affairs Journal*, March 2024 issue (co-authored with Brad Littlejohn)
- “Congress needs to protect kids, not Big Tech”, *The Hill*, November 17, 2023 (co-authored with Joel Thayer and Michael Toscano)
- “The First Amendment Protects Kids from Big Tech”, *Institute for Family Studies* blog, October 9, 2023 (co-authored with Adam Candeub and Michael Toscano)
- “No, Big Tech Doesn’t Have A Right to Speak to Kids Without Their Parent’s Consent”, *The Federalist*, September 21, 2023 (co-authored with Adam Candeub and Michael Toscano)
- “Big Tech Knows that Age Verification is Necessary”, *The Hill*, September 7, 2023 (co-authored with Adam Candeub and Michael Toscano)
- “The Least Congress Can Do is Hold Tech Giants Accountable for Aiding Child Sex Traffickers”, *The Federalist*, August 10, 2023
- “A TikTok Ban Doesn’t Limit Free Speech, it Frees it from China’s Poison”, *The New York Post*, May 24, 2023 (co-authored with Rebecca Heinrichs)
- “On Both Sides of the Aisle Congress is Stepping Up to Confront Digital Harms”, *National Review*, May 9, 2023
- “Utah is Stepping Up to Protect Kids Online”, *Newsweek*, March 30, 2023

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- “Lawmakers Should Give Parents Control Over Kids’ Social Media”, *Newsweek*, February 23, 2023
- “The Social Illness”, *The American Conservative*, February 22, 2023
- “Biden mustn’t jeopardize Congress’s bipartisan agreement to protect children and privacy”, *The Washington Examiner*, January 16, 2023
- “Government needs to act against dangerous TikTok app”, *FOX News*, December 23, 2022
- “This Senate Bill Would Finally Make the Porn Industry Fight Human Trafficking”, *The Federalist*, October 7, 2022
- “The Fifth Circuit Strikes a Critical Blow Against Big Tech Censorship”, *Newsweek*, September 29, 2022
- “Protecting teens from Big Tech — it’s time for the states to step up”, *Deseret News*, August 29, 2022 (co-authored with Jean Twenge and Brad Wilcox)
- “Conservatives and Big Tech: The Return of the Republican Tradition”, *American Affairs Journal*, August 20, 2022
- “Don’t Let the World Disciple Your Children”, *WORLD Opinions*, August 19, 2022
- “Parents, If You Don’t Get A Grip on Your Kids’ Social Media, Trans Activists Will”, *The Federalist*, August 1, 2022
- “Parents, Are You Prepared for the Digital Dangers Your Kids Face?”, *National Review*, July 12, 2022
- “Yes, Big Tech are Common Carriers”, *Newsweek*, May 31, 2022 (co-authored with Adam Candeub)
- “How Digital Media Helped Shape the ‘Modern Self’”, *Public Discourse*, April 10, 2022
- “Babylon Bee Censorship Shows Why Fifth Circuit Should Uphold Texas’ Social Media Law”, *The Federalist*, March 23, 2022
- “Social Media Is Designed to Divide Churches—So What Do We Do?”, *9Marks*, March 18, 2022
- “Empower Parents to Protect Their Kids from Social-Media Harms”, *National Review Online*, February 24, 2022 (co-authored with Patrick Brown)
- “What States Can do to Combat Big Tech to Protect Children”, *Institute for Family Studies*, February 17, 2022
- “Don’t Just Say Motherhood Matters, Prove It With Your Life”, *The Federalist*, January 26, 2022
- “Will Congress Seize an Opportunity to Protect Children?”, *National Review Online*, January 25, 2022 (co-authored with Adam Candeub)
- “It’s Time for Newspapers to Get Their Fair Share”, *National Review Online*, December 16, 2021
- “The Supreme Court Should Review Section 230’s Interpretation”, *Newsweek*, November 4, 2021
- “Protecting Journalism from Google”, *National Review Online*, October 23, 2021
- “How Sex Trafficking Funds the Taliban and Terrorism”, *The Washington Times*, September 16, 2021 (co-authored with Anne Basham)
- “On Regulating Social-Media Platforms, Follow Texas, Not Florida”, *National Review Online*, September 15, 2021
- “Setting the Record Straight on Reining in Big Tech”, *National Review Online*, August 5, 2021
- “On Censorship, Big Tech Has It Both Ways”, *The Wall Street Journal*, July 30, 2021 (co-authored with Philip Hamburger)
- “Conservatives Agree Big Tech is a Problem, But Split on the Right Solution”, *The Federalist*, July 8, 2021
- “Interview: The Right is Still Divided on Big Tech”, *National Review*, June 30, 2021
- “Fathers Matter”, *National Review*, June 20, 2021
- “The Pro-Speech Act is a Creative Solution to Censorship”, *Newsweek*, June 16, 2021 (co-authored with Adam Candeub)
- “Florida is Moving the Ball Forward Against Big Tech Censorship”, *Newsweek*, June 4, 2021 (co-authored with Adam Candeub)
- “How to Apply Non-Discrimination to Digital Platforms via Common Carriage”, *Newsweek*, May 25, 2021 (co-authored with Adam Candeub)

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- “Pressure on Big Tech from Republicans is Working”, *Washington Examiner*, April 25, 2021
- “Five Key Takeaways from Thursday’s Big Tech Hearing”, *Newsweek*, March 30, 2021
- “Social Media Platforms Must be Held Accountable for Illicit Content”, *Newsweek*, January 26, 2021

SPEAKING

- Detransitioner Awareness Day Event on Capitol Hill, Panel on Social Media, March 12, 2025
- Sphere Webinar by the Cato Institute on Social Media and Mental Health, March 10, 2025
- The American Mind podcast on cell phones in schools, March 5, 2025
- The Church Politics Podcast, February 11, 2025
- EWTN News-in-Depth on *Free Speech v. Paxton* case, February 7, 2025
- Conversations with Consequences Podcast, February 5, 2025
- Fourth Branch Podcast by the Federalist Society’s Regulatory Transparency Project, January 29, 2025
- Scrolling 2 Death Podcast, On Alternatives to Smartphones, January 20, 2025
- Blaze News Tonight, on *Free Speech v. Paxton* case, January 15, 2025
- The World and Everything in It Podcast, January 15, 2025
- Scrolling 2 Death Podcast with Nicki Reisberg, December 2, 2024
- Virginia Youth Mental Health Summit, Panel with First Lady Youngkin, November 21, 2024
- American Compass podcast, "America On-the-Line", October 31, 2024
- Kids Safety Panel at the Heritage Foundation, September 24, 2024
- American Thought Leaders, Epoch TV, On Online Pornography Epidemic, August 27, 2024
- EWTN News Nightly, Discussing Two Online Safety Bills, July 30, 2024
- So to Speak, Free Speech Podcast, "A Warning Label on Social Media" July 24, 2024
- National Conservatism Conference, Panel on Big Tech and Big Porn, July 7, 2024
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Debate on “Should We Regulate Big Tech Platforms?” hosted by the Carolina Review, October 23, 2023
- Talk on Big Tech for Federalist Society chapter at University of North Carolina School of Law, October 23, 2023
- Talk on “What Parents Need to Know About Technology”, Tampa, FL, October 6, 2023
- Webinar for the Federalist Society’s Regulatory Transparency Project on “Minor Matters in Cyberspace: Examining Internet Age-Verification Regulations,” September 7, 2023
- EWTN News Nightly TV [appearance](#) on the impact of Meta’s new “Threads” app, July 19, 2023
- Senate Values Action Team Meeting, June 17, 2023, Presented testimony on social media’s harms to kids for Senators Lankford (R-OK), Britt (R-AL), and Blackburn (R-TN) and members of Senate staff as well as outside groups, 60 in attendance
- EWTN News Nightly TV [appearance](#) on May 2, 2023 speaking about recent bipartisan federal bill to protect kids on social media
- Debate at Yale University hosted by the William F. Buckley Program on April 4, 2023 against Elizabeth Nolan Brown of Reason Magazine over whether the U.S. Should Ban TikTok
- Talk for parents, Leesburg, Virginia, April 1, 2023, 25 in attendance
- Texas Public Policy Foundation Policy Summit 2023, Panel on “Terrible Tech: Social Media and the Growing Threat to Minors,” March 4, 2023,
- Franciscan University, March 21, 2023, presentation to Franciscan University students in Unplugged scholarship program
- Institute for Family Studies and Ethics and Public Policy Center Event on Capitol Hill, “Pro-Family Priorities for the 118th Congress,” February 16, 2023,
- Parenting and technology half-day seminar given at Milwood Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, October 29, 2022

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