

Kate Ruane

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Democracy & Technology, Washington D.C. – Oct. 2023 – Present

Director, Free Expression Project.

Lead team working to protect free expression online in the United States and globally.

PEN America, Washington, D.C. – Jan. 2023 – Oct. 2023

Sy Syms Director, U.S. Free Expression Program.

Led legislative advocacy at the state level and worked on expanding engagement with partners and coalitions to counter threats to free expression and democracy.

Wikimedia Foundation, Washington, D.C. – Jan. 2022 – Jan. 2023

Lead Public Policy Specialist for the United States.

Spearheaded policy efforts to protect the free flow of information and ensure the strength and continuation of Wikimedia's free knowledge projects in the United States.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Washington, D.C. – Dec. 2018 – Jan. 2022

Senior Legislative Counsel for the First Amendment.

Lead policy counsel on free speech, surveillance, privacy, and technology issues.

Congressional Research Service (CRS), Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. – Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2018.

Legislative Attorney, American Law Division (ALD).

Legislative attorney with a focus on telecommunications law, antitrust, and freedom of speech issues, providing research and analytical support to Congress.

EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC

Juris Doctor, May 2007, *cum laude*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts, May 2002, *cum laude*

Selected Relevant Activities

Freedom Online Coalition Advisory Network –

Center for Democracy & Technology's Representative

Spotify Safety Advisory Council –

Center for Democracy & Technology's Representative

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Member in good standing of the Pennsylvania Bar since 2007