

# Alexandra Reeve Givens

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Center for Democracy & Technology, Washington DC and Brussels, Belgium** **May 2020-Present**  
*President & CEO*

- President & CEO of CDT, a leading nonprofit civil society organization that champions civil rights, civil liberties and democratic values in the digital age. Lead a diverse team of policy experts, academic researchers and technologists in Washington D.C. and Brussels.
- Speak publicly on behalf of the organization; manage fundraising and strategic partnerships; oversee organization's policy priorities and advocacy agenda; manage internal operations.
- Priority areas include consumer privacy, data-driven discrimination and responsible AI; content moderation and platform governance; competition; surveillance technology; democratic institutions and online civic space.

**Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, Short Hills, NJ** **July 2016-Present;**  
*Vice-Chair, Board of Directors; Advocate/Spokesperson* **May 2006-May 2011**

- Develop and support strategy for the leading U.S. nonprofit foundation for paralysis and spinal cord injury, which has directed over \$140 million to research initiatives and \$40 million to Quality of Life programs around the U.S.
- Guide special initiatives; lead Board cultivation and engagement; work with high-level donors and enterprise partners; engage in advocacy and public speaking on foundation's behalf.
- Submitted testimony to Congress; published op-eds and appeared in media outlets including CNN, NPR, ABC Nightline, NBC, and Fox News.

**Institute for Technology Law & Policy, Georgetown Law, Washington DC** **July 2016-May 2020**  
*Founding Executive Director; Adjunct Professor*

- Founded and led academic institute that serves as a central hub for research, convenings, Congressional trainings and policy initiatives at the intersection of technology, law and public policy.
- Built and managed a team of research fellows; developed and supervised research projects; convened events and workshops; led trainings for Congressional staff; taught law school seminars on contemporary issues.
- Responsible for fundraising, budget management, and external partnerships.
- Areas of focus included platform governance, algorithmic fairness, privacy, competition, communications law, intellectual property, the regulation of emerging technologies, inclusive innovation and entrepreneurship.

**BEACON: The DC Women Founders Initiative, Washington DC** **Sept. 2016-April 2020**  
*Founder; Board of Directors*

- Founded and served as Board Member for a non-profit organization focused on improving opportunities and resources for diverse women entrepreneurs in the D.C. area. Forged strategic partnership with tech companies, D.C. government and community leaders to develop and fund a multi-year effort that included a grant program, educational programming, a community hub website and newsletter to support local entrepreneurs and small business owners.

**U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington DC** **May 2011-July 2016**  
*Chief Counsel for IP & Antitrust, Chairman/Ranking Member Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT);*  
*Senior Counsel (2013-2015); Counsel (2011-2013)*

- Led team responsible for legislative strategy and committee agenda for innovation policy, competition and consumer protection, on matters including: communications policy; oversight of mergers and antitrust policy; intellectual property; online speech; access to affordable medicines; access to courts; and regulatory efforts to protect consumers.
- Served as senior staff on other Judiciary Committee matters including comprehensive immigration reform; sentencing reform; civil justice issues; and nominations to the Supreme Court, Department of Justice and other agencies.
- Designed and coordinated hearings and oversight initiatives; built coalitions to support policy goals; negotiated and authored legislation; developed communications strategies and rapid response for legislative and policy initiatives.
- Worked closely with government agencies, public interest organizations and business stakeholders from industries including high tech, start-ups, healthcare, telecom, manufacturing, banking, media and the creative arts.

**Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY**

**Fall 2013-Fall 2016**

*Adjunct Professor, Federal Government Lawyering*

- Taught academic seminar on the roles and functions of lawyers in the federal government, with a focus on Constitutional law, administrative law, and practical policymaking.

**Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, NY**

**Summer 2007**

*Senior Associate (2010-2011); Associate (2008-2010)*

- Conducted all aspects of motion practice, trial, and appeal for complex commercial litigation, including securities class actions, financial services litigation, antitrust, environmental and M&A litigation.
- Managed trial teams; coordinated brief writing and motion practice at trial and appellate levels.
- In a pro bono civil rights case, tried a four-day jury trial in federal court, winning a \$300,000 judgment against the New York Department of Corrections following the abuse of an inmate.

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY**

**J.D., May 2008**

*Honors:* James Kent Scholar (recognizing outstanding academic achievement)  
Wilfred Feinberg Prize for Federal Courts

*Activities:* Senior Notes Editor, *Columbia Business Law Review*, 2007-2008  
Environmental Law Clinic (2007-2008)  
Columbia Society of International Law (2006-2008)

**Yale University, New Haven, CT**

**B.A., May 2005**

B.A. in History, *magna cum laude*

*Honors:* Phil Beta Kappa  
Percival W. Clement Prize for Senior Thesis on Legal Realism and the New Deal  
Townsend Prize for Public Speaking  
Yale College Dean's Advisory Committee

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## APPOINTMENTS

- XR Association Advisory Council (2022-present)
  - KKR Sustainability Expert Advisory Council (2022-present)
  - Data Protocol Curriculum Council (2021-present)
  - Mayoral Appointee, Washington D.C. Innovation Technology Inclusion Council (2019-2022)
  - Fellow, Innovators Network Foundation (2019-2020)
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