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Giovanna M. Cinelli is a partner with Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, resident in the firm's Washington, DC office, where she leads the Firm's International Trade and National Security practice. Throughout a career spanning over 30 years, she has represented and counseled defense, aerospace, financial, private equity, software, services and high technology companies on a broad range of issues affecting national security, including export investigations (civil and criminal), due diligence, sanctions and sanctions-related policies, post-transaction cross-border compliance, Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) reviews, government contracts, export policy, and licensing. In addition, Ms. Cinelli serves as an expert witness on national security, sanctions and export issues addressing detailed licensing and compliance issues involving discovery requests, trial proceedings and motions practice in the United States and abroad. Ms. Cinelli has worked extensively with the Departments of State, Commerce, Defense and Treasury, as well as Energy and the military services. She has been a member of the Department of State's Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) since 1992, the Department of Commerce's Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) for 8 years, ending her tenure as Vice Chair, and a member of the Virginia/DC District Export Council since 2011.

Concurrent with her legal career, Ms. Cinelli served as a Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer specializing in former Soviet submarine platforms and international security issues. She holds a Masters in International Relations from the College of William and Mary and an E.E. Certificate in National Security and International Security from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She graduated from Catholic University School of Law where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Health Law Journal. In her spare time, she is a competitive amateur concert pianist and a violinist with the Washington Opera Society.

*Ms. Cinelli has not previously testified before the Commission.*