

Hi folks,

My name is Laureen Kapin and I serve as Counsel for International Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission, the leading consumer protection and privacy enforcement agency in the United States. I've practiced consumer protection law with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for the past 17 years. Most relevant to our effort, I engage in policy work to protect the public, particularly in connection with the Internet. I've worked on ICANN related matters since 2013 and my activities include serving on the USG delegation to the GAC, leading the sub group on consumer trust and safeguard issues on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team, and advocating for the public and law enforcement on relevant ICANN initiatives and policies. I helped spearhead the creation of the GAC's Public Safety Working (PSWG) and currently serve as Co-Chair of the PSWG with the European Commission. In these roles, I have spent considerable time analyzing ICANN's proposed compliance approaches to the GDPR and advocating for solutions that will protect the public.

Prior to joining the FTC's Office of International Affairs, I was a Senior Attorney in the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. I litigated a variety of deceptive advertising matters and prosecuted companies that preyed upon vulnerable populations with misleading offers. Before coming to the FTC, I performed trial and appellate work for the United States Department of Justice's Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch. I also teach advocacy skills for the Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center.

I look forward to working with everyone to grapple with these challenging issues and seek pragmatic solutions.

Warm regards,
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