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EPIC Announces New Advisory Board Members

Distinguished Experts in Law, Technology, and Public Policy Join
Nation's Leading Privacy Organization

WASHINGTON, DC – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a leading privacy organization, announced today the new members of the EPIC Advisory Board.

The incoming members of the EPIC Advisory Board are:

Rod Beckstrom, former CEO and President of ICANN,

Kimberly Bryant, founder of Black Girls Code, and

Nadine Strossen, professor at New York Law School and former President of the ACLU.

The EPIC Advisory Board is a distinguished group of experts that include leading innovators, scholars, and technologists. Among other activities, members of the EPIC Advisory Board often add their insights to “friend of the court” briefs that EPIC prepares for federal and state courts on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues.

EPIC President Marc Rotenberg said, “We are very pleased to welcome the new members to the EPIC Advisory Board. This is an extraordinary group of individuals who will bring much to our work.”

Rod Beckstrom is an American author, high-tech entrepreneur, and former CEO and President of ICANN. He previously served as Director of the National Cyber Security Center. Beckstrom is co-author of the best-selling book *The Starfish and the Spider*.

Kimberly Bryant is an electrical engineer who worked in the biotechnology field at Genentech, Novartis Vaccines, Diagnostics, and Merck. In 2011, Bryant founded Black Girls Code, a training course that teaches basic programming concepts to black girls who are underrepresented in technology careers. Bryant has been named one of the 25 Most Influential African-Americans In Technology.

Nadine Strossen was president of the American Civil Liberties Union from 1991 to 2008. She was the first woman and the youngest person to ever lead the ACLU. Strossen is the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at New York Law School. She has been called one of the most influential business leaders, women, and lawyers in publications such as National Law Journal and Vanity Fair.

At the February board meeting, Chip Pitts was selected as the new chair of the EPIC Board of Directors.

Marc Rotenberg said, “Chip brings to EPIC a deep understanding of human rights and a strong commitment to corporate social responsibility. We look forward to working with him.”

Chip Pitts is a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. Considered one of the world’s “top academics on corporate responsibility,” he teaches leadership, global governance, business and human rights, and ethical globalization at universities around the world. Advisor to the UN Global Compact, he has led the Good Practice Note project since inception. He is former Board President of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and former Chairman of Amnesty International USA.

EPIC is a leading public interest research center based in Washington, D.C. EPIC focuses public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues, frequently testifies in Congress, and files amicus briefs in federal and state courts. EPIC also maintains two of the world’s most popular sites on privacy – EPIC.ORG and PRIVACY.ORG.

EPIC has recently published *Privacy in the Modern Age: The Search for Solutions*, and will be hosting events over the next several weeks in Washington, DC, New York City, and Cambridge, Massachusetts. The launch of *Privacy in the Modern Age* takes place at the Annapolis Book Festival on April 25 and will be featured on C-SPAN Book TV. The book traces the history of EPIC’s work to safeguard privacy, includes essays by twenty members of the EPIC, and concludes with the Madrid Privacy Declaration, recommendations for safeguarding privacy in the modern age.

EPIC will also be hosting the 2015 Champions of Freedom Awards Dinner on June 1, 2015 in Washington, DC. Hilary Rosen and Bruce Schneier will co-emcee.

REFERENCES

EPIC Advisory Board
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EPIC, 2015 Champions of Freedoms Awards Dinner, June 1, Washington DC
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