TCP's Franklin Moving to Privacy Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Constitution Project announced today that senior policy counsel Sharon Bradford Franklin will be leaving the legal watchdog group to assume responsibilities as executive director of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB).

"Although we hate to lose her talent and leadership, we are thrilled that the members of the newly constituted privacy board have recognized her expertise and commitment to protecting Americans' civil liberties and delighted she will have this opportunity," said Virginia Sloan, president of The Constitution Project (TCP).

"Sharon has been a delight to work with, and we will miss her terribly. At the same time we are so proud that PCLOB has recognized her talents, and the role that she can play in helping to steer it toward its designated and essential mission," Sloan added.

"TCP has long advocated that an independent privacy board can play a critical role in ensuring that national security programs include meaningful safeguards for privacy and constitutional rights, and I am pleased that I will have the chance to help make that a reality," Franklin said.

At TCP since 2005, Franklin has worked principally with the organization's bipartisan Liberty and Security Committee, focusing on issues such as cybersecurity, government transparency and accountability, individual privacy, and surveillance policies. Many of the same issues will be considered by the PCLOB. Franklin has also been a member of the Cybersecurity Subcommittee for the DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee and a member of the Advisory Board for Washington College of Law's Collaboration on Government Secrecy.

Franklin will join the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board in late August or early September, and will continue her work at TCP until that time.

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