



Kemba Eneas Walden was an Assistant General Counsel in Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit (DCU) responsible for launching and leading DCU's Ransomware Program. Kemba started her career at Microsoft as Senior Counsel for Cyber and Democracy providing legal counsel to the Defending Democracy Program through the 2020 Presidential Election. Prior to Microsoft, Kemba spent a decade in government service at the Department of Homeland Security. At DHS, Kemba held several attorney roles, specifically as the lead attorney for the DHS representative to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and then as a cybersecurity attorney for the newly created Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and its predecessor, which is responsible for cybersecurity, telecommunications, and infrastructure resilience. Kemba negotiated complex data protection, information sharing, risk mitigation, and national security agreements, supported DHS's cybersecurity and risk management efforts in critical infrastructure sectors including the financial, energy, and election sectors. Upon her departure from DHS, her energy was spent as the primary cybersecurity legal advisor to the Elections Task Force (now known as the Elections Security Initiative)

Prior to CISA, Kemba engaged on CFIUS, and also worked on constitutional issues in connection with border searches involving technology. Prior to joining DHS in 2009, Kemba practiced international trade law at the U.S. Department of Commerce and in private practice, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Carl E. Stewart, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Kemba graduated from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia with a B.A. in Political Science, from Princeton

University's School of Public and International Affairs with a Master in Public Affairs, and from Georgetown University Law Center. Kemba also holds a Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC) in the Law of Data Security & Investigations.

## Experience



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### **Principal Deputy National Cyber Director**

[Office of the National Cyber Director](#)

Jun 2022 - Present 5 months



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### **Member, Cyber Safety Review Board**

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)

Feb 2022 - Present 9 months



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### **Adjunct Professor, Information Security Law & Regulatory Compliance**

[Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies](#)

Aug 2019 - Present 3 years 3 months

Washington D.C.

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**Microsoft**

3 years 3 months

- **Assistant General Counsel, Digital Crimes Unit**  
Jan 2021 - Jun 2022 1 year 6 months
- **Senior Attorney, Digital Crimes Unit**  
Nov 2020 - Jan 2021 13 months
- **Senior Counsel, Cyber and Democracy**  
Apr 2019 - Nov 2020 1 year 8 months



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**Lecturer, Government, National Security and the Fifth Domain**

**UC Berkeley School of Information**

Jul 2020 - Jan 2021 7 months



- **Adjunct Professor, The Law of Election Security**

- **[William & Mary Law School](#)**

- Jan 2020 - Jun 2020 6 months



- **[U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)**

- **[9 years 9 months](#)**

- - **Attorney-Advisor (Cybersecurity)**

- - Feb 2016 - Mar 2019 3 years 2 months

- - **Attorney-Advisor (CFIUS)**

- - Oct 2011 - Feb 2016 4 years 5 months

- - **Deputy Managing Counsel**

- - Jul 2015 - Oct 2015 4 months

- - Washington D.C. Metro Area

- - **Acting Director, Transportation & Cargo Security Policy**

- - Jul 2009 - Oct 2012 3 years 4 months



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**International Trade Associate**

**[Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP](#)**

2006 - Jun 2009 3 years

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**Staff Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration**

**U.S. Department of Commerce**

May 2005 - Oct 2006 1 year 6 months



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**Litigation Associate**

**[Mayer Brown](#)**

Sep 2003 - May 2005 1 year 9 months



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**Law Clerk, The Honorable Carl E. Stewart**

**[U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit](#)**

Aug 2002 - Aug 2003 1 year 1 month

