



*U.S. Department of Education
Barnard Auditorium
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Welcome & Introduction, Farnaz Thompson, Office of the General Counsel

Opening remarks from Secretary Betsy DeVos

Introduce Vera Zhou, Farnaz Thompson

Prepared Remarks from Vera Zhou

Introduce Reed Rubinstein, Farnaz Thompson

Introduce Section 117 Report and Panel, Reed Rubinstein, Acting General Counsel

Introduce Paul Moore, Reed Rubinstein

Panel Discussion: Influence of foreign funding on educational institutions

- **Moderator: Paul Moore, Chief Investigative Counsel, OGC**
- **Bucky Methfessel, Senior Counsel for Information and Technology, OGC**
- **Dr. Charles A. Small, Executive Director, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy**

Introduce U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling, Paul Moore

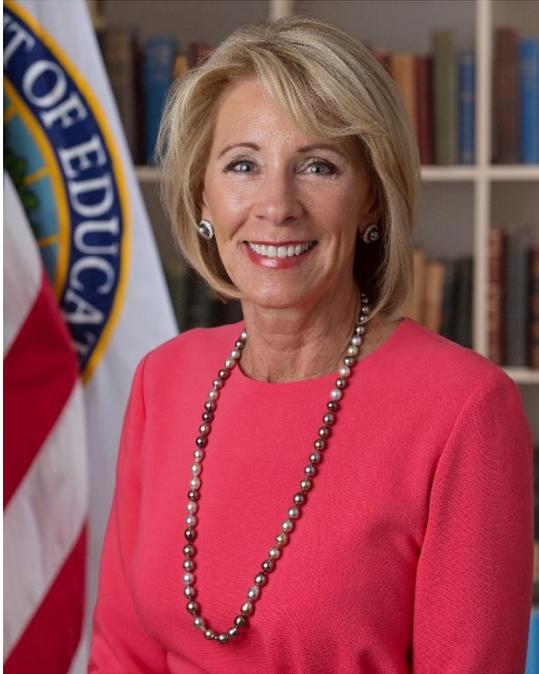
US Attorney Andrew Lelling

Introduce Department of State Under Secretary Krach, Farnaz Thompson

Under Secretary of State Keith Krach

Closing remarks, Reed Rubinstein

Secretary Betsy DeVos



Betsy DeVos serves as the 11th U.S. Secretary of Education. For more than three decades, she has been on the front lines of the fight for better and more options for students of all ages. She has already helped expand opportunities for students in 25 states and the District of Columbia. As Secretary, she recognizes that every student is unique and each one needs the freedom to pursue education in ways and places that work for them. Her focus is on expanding education freedom, transforming Federal Student Aid, opening multiple pathways to higher education, and returning power to students, parents, teachers, and local communities. Her leadership has already resulted in expanding 529 education savings plans, restoring year-round access to Pell Grants, creating new partnerships for apprenticeship opportunities, increasing innovative options for higher education and pulling back federal overreach

by the Department. Prior to being confirmed, Secretary DeVos served as chairman of the Windquest Group, an enterprise and investment management firm. She also served on the boards of numerous national and local education, charitable, and civic organizations. The daughter of a public school teacher, Secretary DeVos received a B.A. from Calvin College and has been married to her husband Dick DeVos for 40 years. Together they have four children and eight grandchildren – each one wonderfully unique.

Reed Rubinstein



Reed D. Rubinstein is the Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Education. He joined the federal government in January 2017, most recently serving as Deputy Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice. Mr. Rubinstein also served in the Department of Agriculture and the Treasury Department. In private practice, he handled, among other things, federal constitutional, regulatory, and data security trials and appeals; Congressional and Executive Branch oversight, investigations, and enforcement actions; and corporate compliance matters. He earned an AB, MA, and JD degrees from the University of Michigan.

Vera Zhou



"Vera" Yueming Zhou is a U.S. permanent resident and student at the University of Washington. She is a cancer survivor and has been the victim of the "reeducation" labor camps in the People's Republic of China. She came to the United States from China in 2008 at age thirteen. Ms. Zhou and her mother became permanent residents in 2010. She enrolled at the University of Washington in 2015, and she recently returned to continue her studies in Geography Information Systems. Ms. Zhou explains that, in the United States, she experienced cultural diversity and a different lifestyle. She appreciates the American education system which has made her more confident and passionate about the world and herself. While visiting her family in China, Ms. Zhou's educational pursuits were disrupted by the Chinese government which detained Ms. Zhou in China.

Paul Moore



Paul R. Moore serves as the Department of Education's Chief Investigative Counsel where he leads the Department's investigative efforts under the direction of the General Counsel in various areas of statutory enforcement, including university disclosures of qualifying foreign gifts and contracts under Section 117. Before coming to the Department, Mr. Moore served in various roles at the Department of Justice (beginning in 2001) including several years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Senior Counsel in the Office of Legal Policy, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, and Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. Mr. Moore was also General Counsel for a U.S. company with international operations, Associate Counsel for the Missouri State Tax Commission, and has taught advocacy courses as an adjunct professor. He is an active member of the bar in Massachusetts and Texas

and is admitted to practice before multiple federal district and appellate courts.

Bucky Methfessel



Harley A.J. (Bucky) Methfessel currently serves as Senior Counsel for Information and Technology in the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), US Department of Education. He reports directly to the Department's General Counsel, a Senate confirmed Presidential appointee. Bucky is responsible for providing legal, policy and technical advice and services to the Department and its leadership on matters related to information and technology, data, cybersecurity, social media, privacy, e-discovery, intellectual property and other substantive areas. He also serves on the Department's Data Governance Board, Data Integrity Board, Data Strategy Team, Data Release Working Group and as Program Records Officer for the OGC. Bucky's practice areas focus on National security, Congressional oversight, information law, CFIUS, litigation, cybersecurity, privacy, intellectual property and Federal acquisitions and procurements. Prior to joining the Department, Bucky served as corporate general counsel and as an executive for several private and public companies. Mr. Methfessel is an active member of the Virginia State Bar; he received his B.S. and M.B.A. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and his J.D. from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Charles Asher Small



Dr. Charles Asher Small is the Director of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, and a Research Scholar at Oxford University. He is also the Goldman Fellow at the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle East and African Studies, Tel Aviv University. Charles received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from McGill University in Montreal; his Master of Science in Urban Development Planning in Economics from University College London; and a Doctorate of Philosophy from St. Antony's College, Oxford University. Dr. Small specializes in social and cultural theory, globalization and national identity, socio-cultural policy, social movements, and racism – including antisemitism. Charles was the founding Director of the Yale Initiative for the

Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism, the first interdisciplinary research center on antisemitism at a North American university. At Yale he taught in the Political Science Department and the Program on Ethics, Politics and Economics while running a post-doctorate and graduate studies fellowship program. He lectured and worked as a consultant and policy advisor in multiple countries. Dr. Small is the author of many books and articles and has published findings which trace the impacts of foreign funding on ideology, and he is committed to creating scholarly programming and research on contemporary antisemitism at top tier universities internationally, and establishing contemporary antisemitism studies as a recognized academic discipline.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling



Before his appointment as U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Andrew Lelling was a federal prosecutor for over 15 years, serving first as a political appointee in the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department and later as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Eastern District of Virginia and the District of Massachusetts. During his time as a prosecutor in the District of Massachusetts, Mr. Lelling prosecuted white collar and international drug trafficking crimes, and also served as Senior Litigation Counsel. He was the lead prosecutor in a number of complex investigations including, most recently, the successful prosecution of the largest pyramid scheme ever charged by the Department of Justice. He also served on the Attorney General's

Advisory Committee from 2017-2019, and chairs the AGAC subcommittee on Cybercrime and Intellectual Property. He is also on the steering committee for the Department's China Initiative. Before joining the Justice Department, Mr. Lelling was a senior litigation associate at Goodwin Procter in Boston and a litigation associate at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae in New York. He also clerked for the U.S. District Court Chief Judge B. Avant Edenfield in the Southern District of Georgia. Mr. Lelling graduated cum laude from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1994 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Literature & Rhetoric from Binghamton University in 1991.

Under Secretary of State Keith Krach



Keith Krach took the oath of office as Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment on June 21, 2019. Previously, he was a businessman and entrepreneur, noted for bringing transformational leadership to many sectors, including factory automation, engineering, commerce, education, philanthropy, and even the way people sign official documents. He is the former CEO and Chairman of DocuSign (2009–2019), which provides electronic signature and digital transaction management solutions to accelerate commerce between companies, while reducing the ecological impact of paper transactions. Mr. Krach led the company through its transformation from a startup to a publicly traded global enterprise with 400 million users in 188 countries. Concurrently, Mr. Krach served as Chairman of the board of Trustees for Purdue University (2007–2013) where he recruited Governor Mitch Daniels, and initiated a new model for STEM education that drove progress in student affordability, online learning, global reach, and retraining the workforce. Prior to that, Mr. Krach co-founded Ariba serving as Chairman and CEO (1996–2003), creating the world’s largest business-to-business e-commerce network. After taking it public, Ariba achieved a market capitalization of \$40 billion, and today, more than \$1.7 trillion of commerce is transacted annually through the Ariba network. Mr. Krach also served as Chairman of the Board for Angie’s List and was instrumental in taking the company public as the nation’s leading provider of consumer reviews for home services. Mr. Krach was also the COO of Rasna Corporation (1988–1995), a leading provider in mechanical design automation software. He served as the first Entrepreneur and CEO-in-Residence for Benchmark Capital (1995–1996), a premier venture capital firm. At 26, Mr. Krach was named the youngest-ever Vice President of General Motors. He led the formation of the company’s first Japanese joint venture, GMF Robotics, an alliance between GM & Fanuc, which gave rise to one of today’s largest robotics companies. Mr. Krach is the recipient of many awards, such as the Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer Award, the Bay Area’s Most Admired CEO Award, Life & News 2018 Transformational Leader of the Year award, and Harvard Business School’s 2019 Business Leader of the Year award. Mr. Krach earned a B.S. Degree in Engineering from Purdue University in 1979, and MBA from Harvard Business School in 1981, receiving a full scholarship from GM for both schools. In 2018, he received an Honorary Doctorate in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University.

Farnaz Thompson



Farnaz F. Thompson serves as a Deputy General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Education (Department). Prior to working at the Department, she served as an Associate University Counsel at the University of Virginia. She also has served as an Adjunct Professor at Regent University School of Law and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Division, Trial Section of the Virginia Attorney General's Office. Farnaz is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and Regent University School of Law. After law school, she was as a law clerk for a Judge on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and later for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Thank you for joining us this afternoon!

For more information about Section 117 of the Higher Education Act, and to view the department's full report, please visit: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/foreign-gifts.html>

