

BIOGRAPHIES – CYBERCRIME SPECIALIST NETWORK SESSION: NECESSARY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE DIGITAL AGE: USING A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CASES

CHAIR:

Jeanette Manning, Chief, Training and Research, National Association of Attorneys General, USA

Jeanette Manning is Chief of the National Association of Attorney's General Training and Research (NTR) arm. Previously, she served as a NTR program counsel and director of the Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration (CIPS-C). As CIPS-C director, she initiated, coordinated, and conducted domestic and international NAGTRI trainings and technical assistance evaluations, arranges and hosts international delegations and meetings, oversaw special international projects, and developed domestic and international partnerships with key stakeholders to achieve NTR objectives and those of importance to attorney general offices. Jeanette also conducts research and writes for NAAG publications and previously served as liaison to the NAAG Human Trafficking Committee and the NAAG Midwest Region.

For eight years prior to joining NAAG, Jeanette served as an assistant attorney general and chief in the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office. For the last five years of her tenure, she served as chief of the Neighborhood and Victim Services Section in the Public Safety Division, where she supervised attorneys, paralegals, and victim witness specialists, surrounding an array of issues involving urban blight and decay to include providing protective services to victims of crime, nuisance abatement, brothel closures connected to human trafficking, and drug and firearm nuisances.

SPEAKERS:

Bhavna Bhagwan, State Counsel, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius

Bhavna Bhagwan was called to the Mauritian Bar in January 2014. After 4 years of private practice, she joined the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 2018 as State Counsel. She has experience in prosecuting cases before the different courts of Mauritius, including the Supreme Court.

She specialises in the prosecution of sexual violence cases, drug trafficking offences and cybercrime. Bhavna is also a member of the Cybercrime Unit of her institution since 2023 and has a special interest in the emerging forms of cybercrime committed through social media platforms. She has been engaged in devising a training programme on digital evidence for first responders to cybercrime (police officers) in a project initiated by the Glacy+. She also has experience in training public officers who prosecute offences before the District Courts.

In 2022, Bhavna represented the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on the Mauritius Bar Council. Since 2023, she is part of the Editorial team of the newsletter issued by her Office and is an active contributor.

Sally Dowling SC, Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales, Australia

Sally Dowling SC was appointed as Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) in August 2021 for a 10-year term.

Ms Dowling graduated from the University of Sydney in 1994 and was admitted as a solicitor in 1995. Called to the Bar in 1997, she worked in private practice until 2002 when she was appointed a Crown Prosecutor and joined the ODPP. In her 16 years in the Office, Ms Dowling prosecuted hundreds of matters, at trial and on appeal. She was appointed Senior Counsel in 2013 and in 2016 was appointed a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor and head of the Appeals Unit.

In 2017, Ms Dowling was appointed to the Racing Appeals Tribunal NSW, and in 2019 acted as Senior Counsel assisting the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into Crystal Methamphetamine.

In 2020 Ms Dowling returned to the private Bar, appearing in coronial inquests and in criminal and regulatory matters both for the prosecution and defence.

Katelyn Semales, Counsel, CSAM Support, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, USA

Katelyn Semales is an attorney at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, currently serving as Counsel, CSAM Support. In her role, Katelyn supports survivors and their family members by working through various legal issues and assisting them in finding legal counsel that fit their needs. Katelyn works with attorneys across the country to help train and educate them on various restitution statutes and assist them with questions about representing survivors. Katelyn was previously an Assistant United States Attorney and a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Maryland, the Southern District of Georgia, and the Middle District of Georgia. In those positions she served in various roles, including as Human Trafficking Coordinator and Project Safe Childhood Coordinator.

Minsuk Kim, Senior Counsel, Legal Vice Presidency, The World Bank

Minsuk Kim is a public prosecutor from Republic of Korea, and joined the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. as a secondee, under the Legal Vice Presidency.

The Senior Counsel is primarily working on the Cybercrime Capacity Building project, the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR), and Access to Justice and Technology Project.

As a public prosecutor, he investigated one of the largest fund fraud schemes in the Korean financial market, including stock manipulation cases, and focused on cybercrime related to cryptocurrency, and forfeiture of criminal proceeds.

He graduated from Korea National Police University in 2003 and worked as an Inspector in Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency until he passed the Korean Bar in 2008 and was appointed as a public prosecutor in 2011. He completed his Master's program at Seoul National University in 2008 and received his LL.M. degree from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2017.

Paul Sciortino, Lieutenant & Commander, Internet Crimes Against Children, New Jersey State Police (*New Jersey Attorney General Auspices*), USA

Paul is the Lieutenant of the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Unit and the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Commander. He has been a Trooper for 20 years and he has 12 years of experience conducting ICAC investigations. He leads a dynamic and high performing team of Detectives in the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. Paul was nominated in 2019 for Trooper of the Year for investigative excellence in ICAC investigations. Paul is sought after as an advisor and leader in the field of undercover child exploitation both domestically and internationally. Paul is an instructor for Fox Valley Technically College, where he instructs ICAC

investigators in undercover investigations and chatting techniques. Paul holds a B.A. and a Masters of Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickenson University.