



Department of Homeland Security



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Peter E. Sand has served as the Director of Privacy Technology in the Privacy Office since April 2004. The Privacy Office is responsible for privacy compliance across the Department, which includes assuring that the technologies used by the Department to protect the United States sustain, and do not erode, privacy protections relating to the use, collection, and disclosure of personal and Department information. The Privacy Office also has oversight of all privacy policy matters, including compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (as amended), and the completion of Privacy Impact Assessments on all new programs, as required by the E-Government Act of 2002 and Section 222 of the Homeland Security Act. The Privacy Office also evaluates legislative and regulatory proposals involving collection, use, and disclosure of personal and Department information by the Federal Government.

As the Director of Privacy Technology, Sand is responsible for coordinating the integration of privacy awareness and protections with the Department's development and use of information technologies. This is accomplished primarily through an ongoing dialogue with members of the Department's scientific and technology components. As new technologies and technology-rich programs are developed within the DHS, Sand ensures that privacy is one of the first and prominent issues considered. At the same time, Sand brings the details of the nature and use of technology back to the DHS Privacy Office to keep the policy and legal architecture of privacy grounded in the hard science of information technology.

Before joining the Department of Homeland Security, Sand served as the Chief Privacy and Chief Information Officer for the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In the Office of Attorney General, Sand provided direct oversight of the specific technology used to support that office's law enforcement activities. In addition, Sand worked with senior law enforcement leadership in Pennsylvania as well that of other states and federal agencies to build an action-oriented strategy that integrated technology and policy. Before the Office of Attorney General, Mr. Sand practiced as an attorney and technology consultant for Sand and Saidel, P.C., to state and local government agencies and non-profit and educational organizations.

Mr. Sand graduated from Villanova University and the Villanova University School of Law.