



Best Educational Effort – Runner up

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Anne Shere Wallwork serves as the Senior Counselor for Strategic Policy and Innovation in Treasury's Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes (TFFC), where she helps identify and mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing threats while facilitating responsible financial innovation and financial inclusion. Her efforts to facilitate the use of innovative products and services in the financial sector to help stem the tide of fraud and abuse in the financial system and to support financial inclusion has led Anne to champion work around digital identity, focusing on strong identity proofing and authentication practices.

Anne has been a driving force behind the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF's) work on digital identity. Over the last 18 months, she spearheaded the FATF's public-private engagement on this topic and was project co-chair and lead drafter of the Digital Identity Guidance, issued in February. Through these efforts, Anne has helped strengthen understanding across the globe of how smart digital identity solutions work; their potential to strengthen measures to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, fraud, and other illicit financing activities and support financial inclusion; and the importance of adopting regulatory frameworks that enable the use of responsible digital identity solutions. She has also been a champion of considering the benefits of responsible digital identity solutions to support a range of national security and economic objectives in policy discussions at the Department of Treasury and across the US Government, and has helped focus interagency attention and cooperative efforts on the need for effective digital identity solutions to strengthen financial sector efficiency and integrity. Anne's tireless leadership has helped drive support for regulatory and policy frameworks that enable customer onboarding, authorization of account access, and global financial transaction monitoring to leverage responsible digital identity solutions to combat money laundering and fraud, and promote inclusion in the financial services marketplace, in this country and globally.

From October 2007 to March 2012, Ms. Wallwork served as TFFC's Senior Counselor for Asia, with primary responsibility for AML/CFT policy issues involving East Asia/South East Asia; South Asia; and Central Asia and Russia. In this capacity, she headed the U.S. delegation to the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (EAG) and initiated a mechanism to facilitate cooperation on illicit finance issues with China under the auspices of the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S & ED), and a similar mechanism with India.

Ms. Wallwork served as the Department's Senior Representative to National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC) from July, 2006 to November 2007 and was Deputy Director of Strategic Policy for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes from April 2004 to July 2006. She helped lead the U.S. Government's efforts to develop a comprehensive, strategic approach to combating kleptocracy; helped drive the U.S. Government's international efforts to trace and repatriate Iraqi assets worldwide; and chaired several interagency working groups that sought to recover the proceeds of foreign official corruption, including Liberian and Haitian assets. A graduate of Yale Law School (Editor, Yale Law Journal) and Wellesley College (Phi Beta Kappa, Wellesley College Scholar), before coming to Treasury, Ms. Wallwork clerked for the late Judge Thomas Gibbs Gee, U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit; practiced law at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin in Washington, DC; and was a consultant for the World Bank.