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Georgetown Tech Hub Hires Ex-FTC Commish, Covington Atty

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Law360 (December 7, 2018, 7:36 PM EST) -- Georgetown Law has nabbed a top Covington & Burling lawyer and former Federal Trade Commission member who worked on antitrust and consumer protection matters for the school's tech law hub, who will join as a distinguished fellow.

Terrell McSweeny worked at the FTC from 2014 to 2017 and was a staffer at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2012 to 2014. Before her DOJ stint, she also worked as an aide to former Vice President Joe Biden. Georgetown Law said she brings a "wealth of expertise" at the intersection of law, policy and technologies including artificial intelligence, digital health, fintech and the internet of things.



Terrell McSweeny

At the university, McSweeny, who also graduated from Georgetown Law, will write articles in her areas of expertise, participate in policy convenings and serve as a resource to the Georgetown Law community.

"I am thrilled to join the important discussion on technology law and policy at the Institute," she said in a release Friday. "As an alum, I am looking forward to contributing to the excellent work Georgetown Law School [is] doing training lawyers and addressing the challenging questions at the intersection of technology, law and public policy."

McSweeny is a partner in the D.C. office of Covington & Burling LLP and has experience with regulations governing mergers and non-criminal, anti-competitive conduct, as well as issues relating to cybersecurity and privacy facing high-tech, financial, health care, pharmaceutical, automotive, media and other industries.

Before joining the FTC, she served as chief counsel for competition policy and intergovernmental relations for the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division.

Prior to that, she served as deputy assistant to the president and domestic policy adviser to the vice president from 2009 to 2012 and as Biden's deputy chief of staff and policy director in the U.S. Senate.

Georgetown Law's Institute for Technology Law & Policy says it provides a forum in Washington for policymakers, academics and technologists to discuss issues and opportunities in technology law. Its goals include training the next generation of lawyers and lawmakers with expertise in technology law

and policy.

Other fellows at the institute include Gigi Sohn, onetime counselor to former FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, and Richard Whitt, former corporate director for strategic initiatives at Google. The institute is led by Executive Director Alexandra Reeve Givens, former chief counsel for intellectual property and antitrust to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and faculty directors Angela Campbell, Julie Cohen, Paul Ohm and Tanina Rostain.

Georgetown Law has also recently hired professors Anupam Chander and Madhavi Sunder, who serve among the institute's faculty advisers.

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