Professor Clare Sullivan

Dr Clare Sullivan is cyber-law lawyer specializing in digital identity, privacy, and cyber security. She is a Professor at the Law Center and a Fellow at the Center on National Security and the Law at Georgetown University. Professor Sullivan has a PhD in cyber-law and has been awarded both a Fulbright scholarship and an Australian government Endeavour Fellowship for her cyberlaw research. Prior to joining the academy, Professor Sullivan was in academia in Australia; and in legal practice in Australia and internationally with Baker & McKenzie.

Professor Sullivan is the author of internationally published articles on digital identity, privacy, and cyber security. She authored the first report on international trade-based money laundering, and 'Digital Identity,' the first international legal study of the legal implications of digital identity for individuals, businesses and government. In 2016, Professor Sullivan was appointed consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat to examine the privacy and data security issues for the 54 Commonwealth countries implementing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 16.9 'A Legal Identity for All by 2030.'

Professor Sullivan is currently undertaking research for the U.S. Department of Defense on the implications of e-residency on U.S. national and international security.   She is also doing a number of projects for the private sector including a major project for a consortium of U.S. multinationals that examines the legal implications of business-to-business sharing of cyber-threat information internationally. This research involves examination of the privacy and data protection laws of 34 OECD countries. Other private sector projects include consideration of the international privacy and data protection implications of the IoT era; and the impact of international data protection regulation and privacy law on artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning. The latter project considers the operation of current regulation and the obligations imposed on organizations that use AI and deep learning to analyze and use big data. In 2017, Professor Sullivan was also engaged to develop best practice data handling guidelines for USAID for its international aid and development activities.