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Glenn S. Gerstell is a sought-after speaker, advisor and thought leader on the role of technology in national security, cybersecurity, privacy, and geo-political affairs. He served as the General Counsel of the National Security Agency and Central Security Service from 2015 to 2020, spanning both the Obama and Trump administrations.

In his role at NSA, Gerstell participated in the development of national cybersecurity policy and helped address the entire range of national security threats facing our country from counterterrorism to disinformation from foreign adversaries. Gerstell testified and participated in Congressional hearings and engaged directly with Cabinet members and other senior leaders in the Intelligence Community, the Departments of Defense, State, Homeland Security, and other departments in the Executive Branch. He is a recipient of the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, and the NSA Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.

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Gerstell previously served on the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council, which reports to the president and the secretary of homeland security on security threats to the nation's infrastructure, as well as on the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission.

Prior to the NSA, Gerstell practiced law at Milbank LLP, where he focused on the global telecommunications industry, international business strategy and political-risk analysis, and served as the managing partner of the firm's Washington D.C., Singapore, and Hong Kong offices (residing in Asia for eight years). He is an honors graduate of Columbia University School of Law.