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Hemanshu (Hemu) Nigam is a veteran in online security with over twenty years experience in private industry, government, and law enforcement. As the founder and CEO of the strategic advisory firm SSP Blue, Mr. Nigam is retained by corporations such as Microsoft, News Corporation, and AT&T, global institutions like the United Nations, universities like Harvard, and governing offices like the White House to provide counsel on the world's most critical online safety, security, and privacy protection challenges. In addition to his work in the private sector, Mr. Nigam has co-chaired The White House Online Safety Technology Working Group and is a recurring lecturer at The University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communications, Center for the Digital Future. He is regularly featured as an expert in online safety, security, and privacy by the *BBC*,

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Prior to founding SSP Blue, Mr. Nigam served as Chief Security Officer for News Corporation's numerous online properties including MySpace, responsible for protecting the personal information of over 200 million users around the world. Previously, he worked for Microsoft where he led a global initiative to build safety standards into products across the company from Xbox to MSN to Windows, and served as the former Vice President of Worldwide Internet Enforcement at the Motion Picture Association. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Nigam held simultaneous roles in the federal government, serving as a federal prosecutor against child and computer crimes for the Department Of Justice, advisor to a Congressional commission on child safety, and advisor to The White House on cyberstalking. He began his career as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where he specialized in adult and child sex crimes and abuse cases.

Mr. Nigam earned his juris doctorate from Boston University School of Law and his bachelor's degree in government and political theory from Wesleyan University.

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