



Sujin Chan-Allen

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Sujin Chan-Allen was appointed Chief Legal Adviser of the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency) in June 2021.

In her role, Chan-Allen advises the General Manager and the Agency Supervisory Board on legal and policy matters, spanning the entire operational and international arena. Her business role focuses on defence, security, and dual-use technology law, with NATO perspectives on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, cloud governance and space. Concurrently, her governance law mandate covers administrative law in employment and operations. Chan-Allen is a member of the Executive Management Board and the Contract Awards Board. She leads partnerships with the private sector in technology law, and is Founder and Chair of the public-private NATO General Counsel Roundtable, and Chair of the NATO Cybersecurity Law Forum Series.

Prior to taking office at NATO, she was an international lawyer in senior roles at the global law firms of Cleary Gottlieb, and Shearman & Sterling. There, she advised American and European multinational companies in the defence, technology and media sectors on antitrust and international trade. She also held the position of Global Head of Competition at Dassault Systemès, Paris, France.

Prior to private law practice, Chan-Allen served as Counsel within the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs at the Trade Law Bureau and Treaty Law Bureau. She conducted litigation before the World Trade Organization (WTO) on behalf of Canada and advised on the Comprehensive Trade and Economic Agreement between Canada and the European Union. Chan-Allen also served within the Treaty Law Bureau, advising on international law and treaty interpretation with respect to bilateral and multilateral treaties.

Before joining the Canadian federal government, Chan-Allen served as Counsel at a regulatory commission in Ontario, Canada, where she was responsible for litigation before an administrative tribunal and appellate courts and advice to the Registrar on dispute settlement, procurement and contracts.

She spent several years managing international programmes at a humanitarian organization as part of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and community not-for-profit programmes in Ottawa, Canada.

Chan-Allen specializes in international law in both the public and private sectors, with particular experience in multilateral treaties, European Union law, dispute resolution, commercial agreements, foreign investment and global antitrust.

Chan-Allen is a barrister and solicitor at the Law Society of Ontario and a solicitor with the Law Society of England and Wales. She holds a Master of Laws degree (LLM) specializing in public international law from the University of Toronto and an LLM in European Union competition law and economics, from the Brussels School of Competition. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Her native language is English and she is fluent in French. She currently lives in Brussels.