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Michael Bahar, general counsel to the Minority Staff of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, provides legal advice to Democratic committee members. Bahar's committee has recently addressed terrorism in North Africa, cybersecurity issues in U.S.–China relations, and the leaks to the NSA programs. Between 2010 and 2012, he served as deputy legal advisor to the White House's National Security Staff for foreign relations law, presidential emergency and war powers, intelligence law, information safeguarding and security, ethics, and congressional oversight. Before graduating from college, Bahar was commissioned into the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). While waiting for his active duty service to begin, Bahar was a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, & Garrison LLP in NY City for ten months. His

first JAG Corps post was as a criminal prosecutor in Jacksonville, Florida. He was stationed twice at the Pentagon, first serving as aide to the deputy judge advocate general of the U.S. Navy and then as deputy legal counsel to the vice chief of Naval Operations and later stationed in Virginia Beach with Naval Special Warfare Development Group. Bahar was deployed to Afghanistan, where he advised a Special Operations Task Force, and to the Persian Gulf and the Horn of Africa, where he served as the lawyer for the USS Nassau Strike Group and advised on the law of naval operations and conducting anti-piracy operations. He received a JD from Harvard Law School in 1999, and as a student he was involved in the Prisoners Legal Assistance Project, the Ethics Law and Biotechnology Society (ELAB), directed the Parody, and served as a teaching fellow.