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She is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, where she served as the executive editor of the Yale Law Journal and received Yale’s Peres Prize for finest writing. She served as law clerk to Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (handling, inter alia, the valuation case of Penn Central assets transferred to Conrail), and law clerk to Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court.

Earlier in her career, she served as a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, investigating and prosecuting the case of a Bulgarian nuclear spy, as well as cases of corporate fraud, insider trading, and an international racketeering ring of arson landlords and insurance companies.

She then returned to her alma mater as a member of the tenured faculty of the Yale Law School, where she also served as a fellow of the Institution for Social and Policy Studies and directed the Council on Foreign Relations’ Ford Foundation program on international law and organizations, convening a diplomatic roundtable of U.N. ambassadors, senior U.N. staff, NGO’s, and corporate leaders to address security crises and post-conflict reconstruction in areas such as Bosnia, Rwanda and Kosovo.

Dr. Wedgwood has taught abroad as a visiting professor at the University of Paris (I), prize fellow of the Berlin Academy, and co-director of studies for The Hague Academy of International Law in the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Professor Wedgwood has also served as chair of the Council on International Affairs of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York as well as the Committee on International Security Affairs, and chaired the Section on International Law of the Association of American Law Schools. She is currently vice chair of Freedom House (a bipartisan human rights organization), and serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal of International Law, the World Policy

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Professor Wedgwood has commented frequently in international and national media, including the PBS Lehrer News Hour, National Public Radio, WAMU's Diane Rehm show, BBC, MSNBC, ABC News, Fox News, and Al-Jazeera, and has written for the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, New York Times, Washington Post, American Interest, Foreign Affairs, and other publications.