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Brendan serves as Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice. Brendan leads the Justice Department's efforts related to unmanned aircraft, chairing the Department's Unmanned Aircraft Working Group. He also chairs the Interagency Legal Working Group on Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Previously, Brendan served in other roles at the Justice Department, including Senior Counsel in the Office of Legal Policy and Attorney Advisor in the National Security Division. He has also served as the Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the National Security Agency and a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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