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Dr. McNeal, has on multiple occasions testified before Congress and state legislatures about the legal and policy issues associated with drones and has aided state legislators, cities, municipalities, and executive branch officials in drafting legislation and ordinances related to drones. He served on the Federal Aviation Administration's Micro Unmanned Aircraft Systems Aviation Rulemaking Committee, and on the Federal Aviation Administration's UAS Registration Task Force, Aviation Rulemaking Committee.

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