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Parry Aftab is an international advisor on digital best practices and risk-management, a practicing lawyer specializing in cyberlaw, cybercrime prevention, digital privacy and cybersecurity (licensed to practice in NY and NJ), an author, award-winning columnist, law enforcement trainer, child and women safety advocate and a member of several boards of directors and global advisory boards. She is the recipient of some of the US government's highest awards, as well as national law enforcement awards from outside the US. She is considered one of the founders of the field of cyberlaw, since 1995. A mother of two, Parry Aftab has two grandsons and is married to Canadian child advocate and safety professional, Allan McCullough.

#### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Worldwide Cybercrime Protection and Prevention/Identity Theft/ Privacy, Data Collection and Security/ Workplace Risk Management and Security/Cybersecurity Policy/Consumer Protection/Digital Advertising and Contests/E-Commerce/ Cyberstalking and Harassment/Child Sexual Exploitation/Cyberbullying/Sexting and Sextortion/Revenge Porn/Online Gaming and Gambling/Children Online/ Online Marketing/Cyber-Workplace Issues/Privacy Training and Coaching/Law Enforcement Training and Strategic Policy Development/Advising on Laws and Legal Policy/Cyberterrorism and Radicalization/Cyberwellness and Medical Risk-Management/Human-Centric Digital Innovation and Policy/Digital Ethics and Best Practices

#### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

- Managing Director, WiredTrust, Inc., a 15-year-old global digital best practices and risk-management consulting firm co-located in the US and Canada. Its clients are among the who's who of the Internet and name brands. WiredTrust also represents and advises governments and governmental agencies
- Chair, Digital Living Labs Foundation, a Canadian NGO dedicated to empowering youth, engaging in applied research on protection of vulnerable populations and individuals in the digital world and developing and deploying digital life skills programs and human-centric policy guideline and a practical privacy framework.
- Founder and Executive Director, WiredSafety.org (the first cybersafety and help group formed in the world, in 1995. WiredSafety remains one of the leading global cybersafety help and support groups and is now a d/b/a for Teach Me Peach, Inc., a US 501c-3)
- CEO, Cyberwellness, Inc., a global start-up dedicated to serving digital risk-management and best practice standards' needs of medical professionals and certifying digital medical and household IoT devices

- Founder, StopCyberbullying.org, the first organization in the world dedicated to preventing and addressing cyberbullying
- Founder, CyberSafety India, an India NGO in formation to address cybersafety, digital literacy and digital life skills for families in India

#### **SELECT PRIOR POSITIONS**

- Corporate M&A and Hostile Takeover Associate, Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood (predecessor to Dewey LeBeouf) 1984-1988
- Outside General Counsel, Herman's Sporting Goods, Inc. 1988-1996
- Aftab & Savitt, a boutique law firm specializing in digital innovation and risk-management. Offices in NY, NJ and Moscow, Russia 1989-2000
- Founder and Chair, McAfee's Consumer Advisory Board 2009-2010
- Spokesperson, Disney 1999 - 2004

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

- New York University School of Law, Juris Doctorate Degree 1984
- City University of New York, Hunter College BA Double Major Economics and Thomas Hunter Honors Program, 1981 Valedictorian and Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Nu Chapter (earned a 4-year degree in under two years) 1981, Commencement Speaker
- Parry Aftab attended both university and law school as a mother with two young children.

#### **SELECT HONORS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- Advisor, UK High Commission, British Council, British Council School on cyberbullying and cybersafety
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police Child Recovery National Award 2011 – Awarded by the Canadian RCMP Child Protection Unit
- FBI Director's Award, 2010 – Awarded by the US FBI Director Mueller
- Online Safety Technical Working Group, appointed by US Congress and the US NTIA 2009
- Rapporteur of the United Nations "2009 Cyberhate: Danger in Cyber Space" event, appointed by the UN
- Family Internet Safety Advisor for McAfee, the world's largest dedicated cybersecurity company (appointed in 2009)
- Internet Safety Technology Task Force (one of 29 appointees) appointed by 49 US State Attorneys General in 2008
- Microsoft, Xbox Gaming Advisory Board, 2007-2009
- US Congress issued a resolution honoring her work on child safety, 2005

- Community Leadership Award, 2005, Awarded by Child Abuse Prevention Services
- American Society of Business Publication Editors' Award "Gold" 2004, for her Information Week Magazine article "Patriotism, Compliance and Confidentiality"
- Activist of the Year Award, 2002, Awarded by Media Ecology Association
- Internet Pioneer of the Year, 2001, Awarded by Family PC Magazine
- Home Office, U.K., Child Protection, Criminal Laws and Law Enforcement Task Forces 2000
- UNESCO – Innocence in Danger US National Action Committee Chair (to address child sexual exploitation online), appointed by Federico Mayor, Secretary General of UNESCO in 1999
- US President's Service Award – Clinton Whitehouse 1998, Parry Aftab accepted the award, at her insistence, on behalf of her organization's volunteers (WiredSafety's predecessor)

#### **SELECT ORGANIZATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/ADVISORY AND BOARD POSITIONS**

- Viacom, MTV Public Affairs Advisory Board (A Thin Line) (2009- Present)
- Facebook, Facebook Safety Advisory Board Member, one of five original appointees (2008-2016)
- Fair Play, Board of Directors (along with Secretary Tom Ridge and former FBI Director Louis Freeh)
- US Distracted Driving Safety Alliance – Founding Member 2011
- National Crime Prevention Council, Advisory Board (appointed) 2009
- TRUSTe, Member- Board of Directors (2002- 2008)
- The Stop Cyberbullying Coalition, founder 2008
- US Ad Council, Advisory Committee member (1999 - 2003)
- Rappateour, E.U. Online Content Regulation, Luxembourg, June 2001 Bertelsmann Foundation
- Parents Advisory Group of the Internet (PAGi), program developer for Singapore MDA cybersafety program, Singapore, 2000 - 2001
- Children's Television Workshop Online (Sesame Workshop) Advisory Board (appointed 1998)
- UNESCO, President, U.S. National Action Committee, Innocence in Danger (appointed 1999 by Director-General UNESCO)
- The Internet Society (ISOC), Chair, Internet Societal Task Force and Societal Steering Group (elected 2001)
- Member of Public Policy Committee ISOC (appointed 2001)
- Chair, Privacy and Security Working Group of The Internet Society Task Force, ISOC (2000-2001)
- WiredSafety (wiredsafety.org) the world's largest Internet safety and help group, Executive Director (1998-present)

- The National Urban League, Technology Advisory Committee (appointed 1997)
- Xbox Advisory Group 2005-2006

### **GOVERNMENT ADVISORY POSITIONS AND SELECT GOVERNMENTAL TESTIMONY**

Parry Aftab has advised many US governmental agencies, from the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, the Federal Trade Association, the Federal Communications Commission, the FBI, US Customs Service, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, the Department of Education, the US Postal Services, US Congress, the National Telecommunications Information Agency, the State Department and the Commerce Department and several state government authorities, several Governors, a majority of the states' attorneys general, state police authorities, the Manhattan District Attorney and state gambling authorities in the US. In addition, she has advised the Canadian, Singaporean and Indian government, the RCMP, several Canadian Premiers, Ministers of Education and Ministers of Women and regional and local law enforcement agencies, as well as expert task forces on cyberbullying, privacy, gaming and cybersecurity. She has advised the Singapore Media Development Agency, the Australian Communications and Media Authority, the UK Home Office and National Crime Agency and Interpol's Crimes Against Children Task Force (in some cases these agencies have changed their names over the years, and these are the current names).

She has testified many times before the US Congress and the US Senate and at the FTC hearings, the COPA hearings, the US National Science Foundation, NASA, the FDIC, the US Commerce Department, the Canadian House of Commons, the National Research Council of Canada (on cybersecurity and privacy issues) and has advised the NY City Council and the NY Mayoral offices of Michael Bloomberg and Rudy Giuliani. She has also presented programs for the UK House of Lords, UK Parliament and International Summits for Ireland, Canada, Hong-Kong, Spain, Mexico and Singapore.

### **AUTHOR, SELECTED BOOKS**

Cyberbullying Guide (Spanish and English guide on preventing and dealing with cyberbullying), Pantallas Amigas, Spain 2006

Internet con los menores Riesgos (Spanish guide for parents on Internet safety, especially written for Spain and South and Central America) Spain 2005

Children and the Internet (official and the first Chinese Internet safety guide), China 2004

The Parent's Guide to Protecting Your Children in Cyberspace, McGraw- Hill, (U.S. edition, January 2000; UK edition, March 2000; Singapore edition May 2000 and Spanish language US edition November 2000)

Inocencia en Peligro : Conviva con sus Hijos y Protéjalos Cuando Naveguen por Internet (2001)

A Parents' Guide to the Internet: And How to Protect Your Children in Cyberspace (1997)

### **CONTRIBUTOR, BOOKS**

Child Abuse on the Internet.... Ending the Silence, UNESCO (2001) Carlos A. Arnaldo, Editor, Chapter 21: The Technical Response: Blocking, Filtering And Rating The Internet

E-Commerce and Internet Law Treatise, (2015, 2016 and 2017) Ian Ballon Editor, Digital Best Practices in the Children's Industry

Last updated March 2019

The Best In E-Commerce Law, (2001) Warren E. Agin, Editor, Children's Online Privacy Law

Smart Surfing – Protecting You and Your Family From Cybercrime – State of Florida 2007

**MEDIA AND NEWS APPEARANCES**

Parry Aftab has appeared in more than 3000 news and print publications around the world in various capacities. She has been a regular commentator for CNN, Good Morning America, the Today Show, national and international network news shows, as well.