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Larsen currently serves as Director of Strategy and Business Management of Microsoft's Democracy Forward team. In this Chief of Staff role, she helps lead the team's work on cybersecurity, disinformation/fake news, election integrity, protecting local journalism, and corporate civic engagement. Before joining Microsoft, Larsen worked as an attorney first at Davis Polk and then within Morrison & Foerster's National Security, Global Risk + Crisis Management,

and Sanctions groups, where she represented cutting-edge technology companies, and coordinated strategy and execution among internal and external stakeholders in connection with several multi-million dollar matters. She also led and supported various election security pro bono projects, including a crisis simulation tabletop exercise for state and local election officials in the lead up to the 2020 elections. Larsen also served as the lead associate in the pro bono representation of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT), and was selected to serve on a secondment at McKinsey, where she helped lead their Cyber Legal Team.

Prior to her time in the law, Larsen interned in the Obama White House on Vice President Biden's team devoted to ending violence against women, worked on the U.S. foreign affairs budget while on a human rights fellowship in Congress, was hired as an Obama campaign field organizer in rural Colorado, and served at the State Department's U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels where she focused on international trade, sanctions, and speechwriting. Larsen also served on the Biden-Harris Transition Team in 2020.

Larsen holds a B.A. in Political Science from Yale, a J.D. from NYU Law, and an M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She was awarded a Fulbright to South Korea, and is an Aspen Security Scholar and a member of the Truman National Security Project. Larsen serves on the board of the New York American Constitution Society (ACS) Lawyer Chapter, the nation's leading progressive legal organization, as well as on the Advisory Board of Govern for America. She is an avid hiker, traveler, and jazz enthusiast.