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### **Justyna Gudzowska**

**Director of Illicit Finance Policy, The Sentry**

Justyna oversees The Sentry's illicit finance policy team. She is an attorney with over a dozen years of experience working on financial crimes issues, including as the lead sanctions lawyer at Morgan Stanley, as an expert on countering the financing of terrorism (ISIS and Al-Qaida) for United Nations Security Council, and as an attorney-advisor for the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

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Jason Blazakis is a professor at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS) where he focuses on threat financing, sanctions, violent extremism, and special operations related research. He is also the Director of MIIS's Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism where he directs research on domestic terrorism, terrorism finance, recruitment, propaganda, and the use of special operations to counter transnational threats. From 2008-2018, he served as the Director of the Counterterrorism Finance and Designations Office, Bureau of Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State. In his former role, Jason was responsible for directing efforts to designate countries, organizations, and individuals as terrorists, also known as State Sponsors of Terrorism, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, and Specially Designated Global Terrorists. Jason previously held positions in the Department of State's Political-Military Affairs, International Narcotics and Law

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