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Hotel Del Coronado
San Diego, California
October 6-8, 2016

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 6, 2016

8:00-12:00 PM  Golf
Torrey Pines South

1:00-4:00 PM  Conference Registration
Hotel Del Coronado

3:00-5:00 PM  NAFUSA Board Meeting
Palm/Sunset

6:00-10:00 PM  Welcome Reception
In honor of Michael Dreeben on his 100 Supreme Court arguments
Sponsored by Ernst & Young
Sundeck Back

Friday, October 7, 2016

Continuing Legal Education Program (CLE)

7:00-8:00 AM  Registration & Continental Breakfast
Vista Walk

8:00-9:30 AM  Breakfast for spouses and guests hosted by Sue Farus
Hanover Room

8:00-1:00 PM  CLE Program
Tropics

8:00-8:20 AM  Call to order and introduction of sponsors
Greg Vega, NAFUSA President

8:20-8:30 AM  Welcome from Laura Duffy

8:30-9:30 AM  Roundhouse Introduction of Members

9:30-10:30 AM  Ethics Presentation
“Berger v US…The Rest of the Story. Ethical lessons behind Justice Sutherland’s famous dictum.”
Hon. Robert Conrad
United States District Judge, WD North Carolina

10:30-10:45 AM  Coffee Break

10:45-12:45 PM  Panel: National Security v Privacy
Charlie Savage, moderator
The New York Times
Steve Zipperstein
General Counsel, Blackberry
James A. Baker
General Counsel, FBI
Marc Zwillinger
ZwillGen
Kenneth L. Wainstein
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1:15 PM  Bus to Picnic

1:30-4:00 PM  Picnic-at-Sea
USS Midway Museum

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Continuing Legal Education Program (CLE)

7:00-8:00 AM  Continental Breakfast
Vista Walk

8:00-1:00 PM  CLE Program
Tropics

8:30-9:00 AM  Dialogue with EOUSA and the AGAC
Greg Vega, NAFUSA President, moderator
Monty Wilkinson, Director, EOUSA

Class Reunion Dinners at various off-site locations
Richard S. Hartunian, Chair, AGAC

9:00-9:15 AM  Presentation of J. Michael Bradford Award
Doug Jones, NAFUSA Vice President

9:15-10:00 AM  Presentation by Bradford Award Recipient
“Attacking the Sinola Cartel with the Use of Emerging Technology”
Adam Braverman
AUSA SD CAL

10:00-10:15 AM  Coffee Break

10:15-11:15 AM  Supreme Court Update
Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
University of California, UCI Law School

11:15-1:00 PM  Panel: Asset Forfeiture Reform
Marshall Miller, moderator
Wachtell Lipton
M. Kendall Day
Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, DOJ
Marc Levin
Policy Director, Right on Crime
Director, Center for Effective Justice
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Margaret Dooley-Sammuli
Criminal Justice & Drug Policy Director
ACLU of California

6:00-7:00 PM  Cocktail Reception
Garden Patio

7:00-8:00 PM  Dinner & General Membership Meeting
Crown

8:00-9:00 PM  Keynote address: Charlie Savage, The New York Times
“Power Wars: Obama, Bush, and the Post-9/11 Presidency”

9:00-11:00 PM  Hospitality Suite
Windsor Complex

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James Baker

Mr. Baker has worked on numerous national security matters during his career. A former federal prosecutor, he worked on all aspects of national security investigations and prosecutions, including in particular the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), during his 17 year career at the U.S. Department of Justice. From 2001-2007, Mr. Baker served as Counsel for Intelligence Policy at the Justice Department, where he was head of the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review. In that position, he was responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing national security policy with regard to intelligence and counterintelligence matters for the department. Mr. Baker provided the Attorney General, the U.S. Intelligence Community, and the White House with legal and policy advice on a range of national security issues for many years, and also conducted oversight of the Intelligence Community, including the FBI, on behalf of the Attorney General. In 2006, Mr. Baker received the George H.W. Bush Award for Excellence in Counterterrorism, the CIA’s highest award for counterterrorism achievement. In 2007, Mr. Baker received the NSA’s Intelligence Under Law Award, the NSA Director’s Distinguished Service Medal, and the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Justice Department’s highest award. Also in 2007, Mr. Baker was a Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and was a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. Mr. Baker was an Associate General Counsel with Bridgewater Associates, LP before accepting his current position in 2014 as General Counsel for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Adam L. Braverman

Adam L. Braverman is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California. He currently serves as a Deputy Chief of the Criminal Enterprises Section, which investigates and prosecutes international and domestic narcotics trafficking organizations and criminal gangs operating in San Diego County.

Mr. Braverman joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of California in 2008. His focus while in the office has been on prosecuting large-scale, international drug trafficking cartels utilizing court-authorized intercepts of cutting-edge technology, including the first federal judicially authorized intercepts of a Facebook account and a Blackberry account. He has successfully prosecuted some of the highest-level members of the Sinaloa Cartel. He has also prosecuted a number of other significant cases while in the office, including: solicitation to commit murder of a U.S. District Judge, two FBI Agents and two AUSAs; conspiracy to commit kidnapping three victims in San Diego; bank robberies and alien smuggling resulting in death. He has previously received awards in connection with his work including a 2016 National OCDETF Award for Outstanding Investigation and a 2014 DEA Administrator’s Award.

Erwin Chemerinsky

Erwin Chemerinsky is the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at UC Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. Prior to assuming this position in 2008, he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-2007, and before that was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School from 1983-2004, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. He is the author of eight books, including The Case Against the Supreme Court, published by Viking in 2014, and more than 200 law review articles. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court.

Dean Chemerinsky is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. In 2014, National Jurist magazine named Dean Chemerinsky as the most influential person in legal education in the United States.

Hon Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Robert (“Bob”) J. Conrad, Jr. serves as a District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. He served as Chief Judge of that district from 2006 – 2013. He obtained his JD in 1983 from the University of Virginia School of Law and his undergraduate degree in 1980 from Clemson University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and was that year’s recipient of the Norris Medal given to the best all around graduating student.

Conrad was an Academic All American basketball player, a Rhodes Scholar candidate, and winner of the Jim Weaver Award as the top all around student athlete in the ACC. He is a member of the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, was selected to the Clemson Top-25 All Time Team and was selected as a “Legend of the ACC.” In 2015, he received Clemson University Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award.

Judge Conrad served as a federal prosecutor from 1989 until 2001. From 2001-2004, he served as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, where he served on
the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee. He also served as Chief of the Department of Justice’s Campaign Financing Task Force.

Prior to becoming a federal judge, he was a partner in the law firm of Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw.

Judge Conrad currently teaches at the Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law and received that College’s William J. Brennan, Jr. Award for contributions to trial advocacy. He is an adjunct professor at Wake Forest School of Law.

He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States and a non-voting member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Council. He previously served on the Judicial Conference’s Space & Facility Committee.

M. Kendall Day

In March 2015, M. Kendall Day was appointed Chief of the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS). Kendall first joined AFMLS in April 2013 as the Principal Deputy Chief. During his time in the section, Kendall has supervised ground-breaking criminal cases, including the guilty plea by BNP Paribas in June 2014 for violations of U.S. economic sanctions, the money laundering prosecution of digital currency service Liberty Reserve and its principles, and the Kleptocracy action targeting theft from the Malaysian sovereign wealth fund 1MDB. Kendall also oversees the Department’s criminal prosecutions of financial institutions for violations of the Bank Secrecy Act and money laundering statutes.

Kendall joined the Department of Justice through the Honors Program in the Tax Division in 2003. He then served as a trial attorney and later Deputy Chief in the Criminal Division’s Public Integrity Section. During his tenure at the Public Integrity Section, Kendall prosecuted and tried some of the Criminal Division’s most challenging cases, including the prosecutions of Jack Abramoff, a Member of Congress and several chiefs of staff, a state court judge, and other elected local officials. Kendall also served overseas as the Division’s Anti-Corruption Resident Legal Advisor in Serbia, where he mentored veteran organized crime prosecutors and drafted a criminal procedure code.

For his work, Kendall has received a number of awards, including the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service, the Assistant Attorney General’s Award for Exceptional Service, and the Assistant Attorney General’s Award for Ensuring the Integrity of Government.

Kendall clerked for U.S. District Judge Benson E. Legg in the District of Maryland. He earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 2002, and his B.A. from the University of Kansas in 1999.

Michael R. Dreeben

Michael R. Dreeben has served as Deputy Solicitor General in the United States Department of Justice since 1995. Previously, he served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General. His principal responsibilities include supervising the United States’ criminal cases in the Supreme Court, consulting with the Criminal Division and United States Attorney’s Offices on national litigations positions, and recommending to the Solicitor General whether to appeal from adverse lower-court criminal-law decisions. In April 2016, he argued his 100th case before the United States Supreme Court and was later honored in a presentation at which Justices Ginsburg, Kagan, and Breyer spoke.

Michael has argued in all of the regional federal courts of appeals, including ten circuits en banc, and has argued in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the Montana Supreme Court. In 2006, Michael served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Maryland, second-chairing a felony identity-theft trial to a guilty verdict on all counts. In 2010-2011, he served as a visiting law professor at Duke Law School where he taught an Appellate Practice course and a seminar on constitutional litigation in Supreme Court criminal cases. He has also taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and has guest-taught classes at many law schools. He has received the Justice Department’s Distinguished Service and John Marshall Awards; the Rex Lee Advocacy Award; the Tom Clark Outstanding Government Lawyer Award; and the Presidential Rank Award for exceptional service.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin, a Masters degree from the University of Chicago, and his Juris Doctor from Duke Law School. He clerked for the Honorable Jerre S. Williams on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is a member of the American Law Institute and the Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court.

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli is the ACLU of California Director of Criminal Justice and Drug Policy. Based in San Diego, she leads the ACLU’s statewide criminal justice and drug policy project – including campaigns to transition to a legal marijuana market, protect the significant reforms embedded in Proposition 47, address the state’s broken money bail system, and leverage the Affordable Care Act to advance a public health approach to drug policy. She has a decade of experience working on criminal justice and drug policy reform in California, including spearheading historic campaigns to revise the state’s drug possession penalties (SB 1506 & SB 649). Dooley-Sammuli is the author of the ACLU’s Changing Gears: California’s Shift to Smart Justice, a report on the first year of Prop 47 implementation, and co-author of Affordable Care Act: A Primer for Advocates, a guide to expanding access to healthcare and to reduce incarceration, and Public Safety Realignment: California at a Crossroads, the first in-depth look at California’s historic shift of responsibility for low-level felony offenses from state to county authority.
Laura E. Duffy

Laura E. Duffy was sworn in as the Presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of California on June 2, 2010. The Southern District of California encompasses San Diego and Imperial Counties, and has approximately 3.1 million residents. The U.S. Attorney’s Office enforces all violations of federal law occurring in the Southern District of California. The U.S. Attorney’s Office also defends the United States in all civil lawsuits and collects debts owed to the United States.

Ms. Duffy joined the United States Department of Justice in 1993. From 1993 to 1997, she was assigned at Justice Department Headquarters in Washington, D.C., first to the Criminal Division Money Laundering Section and later to the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Section. In 1997, Ms. Duffy became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California. Prior to being sworn in as U.S. Attorney, she was a Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section of the office. From 1997-2008, Ms. Duffy worked in the Narcotics Enforcement Section as an Assistant United States Attorney where she prosecuted Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) cases targeting large-scale drug trafficking and money laundering organizations operating internationally and in multi-jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Ms. Duffy is the recipient of many prominent Department Of Justice awards, including the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service, which she received in 2008 for her work on the Arellano-Felix drug cartel cases.

In January 2012 Ms. Duffy became one of 8 United States Attorneys selected to serve a two-year term on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee which advises the Attorney General on policy, management and operational issues impacting United States Attorney’s Offices around the country.

Ms. Duffy received her undergraduate degree in 1988 from Iowa State University and her law degree in 1993 from the Creighton University School of Law. Ms. Duffy is married and has one son.

Richard S. Hartunian

Richard S. Hartunian took office as the 48th United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York on January 3, 2010 (with interim status until his confirmation by the United States Senate the next month). Mr. Hartunian also serves as the Chair of the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee (AGAC), leading the sixteen U.S. Attorneys who are responsible for advising the Attorney General on policy, management and operational issues impacting all 94 federal districts nationwide. As United States Attorney, Mr. Hartunian has emphasized: • Terrorism prevention, border security, and cross-border collaboration with Canada; • Combating public corruption, violent gangs, child exploitation, and financial crimes such as health care fraud and investment fraud; • Affirmative Civil Enforcement in the areas of health care, defense procurement, and environmental violations; and • Crime prevention, including the LEADership Project, a youth violence reduction program designed to help 5th grade students steer clear of gangs, drugs, violence, and vandalism; Youth Courts; Reentry Court; and community and interdisciplinary forums to address the epidemic of opioid and synthetic drug abuse.

Mr. Hartunian is a 1983 cum laude graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgetown University and a 1986 graduate of the Albany Law School of Union University. He was engaged in the general private practice of law at the firm of Devine, Piedmont and Rutnik in Albany from 1987 to 1990. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Albany County from 1990 to 1997, where his work on narcotics and violent crime cases led to his designation as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in 1994.

Mr. Hartunian became an Assistant United States Attorney in 1997. He served as the Northern District’s Narcotics Chief and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Coordinator from 2006 until his appointment as U. S. Attorney in 2010. During his tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Hartunian successfully prosecuted numerous large drug, gang, and violent crime cases. He has received many awards for his work, including the Federal Bureau of Prisons General Counsel’s Exemplary Assistance Award, the Narcotics Enforcement Officers’ Association U.S. Department of Justice Award, various Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Regional Awards, and several case-related commendations.

In 2010, Mr. Hartunian was honored by the Armenian Bar Association as the first United States Attorney of Armenian descent.

In 2013, Mr. Hartunian was appointed to the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee (AGAC); he was named Vice Chair of the AGAC in 2015. Since 2013, Mr. Hartunian also has served as the Co-Chair of the AGAC’s Border and Immigration Subcommittee, leading the Northern Border Working Group of United States Attorneys, which focuses on U.S. – Canadian law enforcement issues. He is also an active member of three other AGAC subcommittees: the Health Care Fraud Subcommittee, the Environmental Crimes Subcommittee and the Native American Issues Subcommittee, which focuses on improving public safety in tribal communities.

Marc A. Levin

Marc A. Levin, Esq., is the director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (www.texaspolicy.com), the state’s free-market think tank, and Policy Director of its Right on Crime initiative (www.rightoncrime.com). In 2010, Levin developed the concept for the Right on Crime initiative, which has become the national clearinghouse for conservative criminal justice reforms. Marc led the drafting of the Right on Crime Statement of Principles in 2010, which has been signed by conservative luminaries such as Newt Gingrich, Jeb Bush, J.C. Watts, Ed Meese, and Rick Perry. In 2014, Marc was named one of the “Politico 50” in 2014, the magazine’s annual “list of thinkers, doers, and dreamers who really matter in this age of gridlock and dysfunction.” Marc has testi-
Sharon Cohen Levin

Sharon Cohen Levin is a Partner at WilmerHale LLP in New York City. Ms. Levin is a leading authority on anti-money laundering (AML), Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), economic sanctions and asset forfeiture. Ms. Levin served for 19 years as Chief of the Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Unit in the US Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY). During her tenure, Ms. Levin prosecuted and supervised many of the Department of Justice’s most complex and significant money laundering, sanctions and asset forfeiture prosecutions, including the investigation and prosecution of BNP Paribas, SAC Capital, Lebanese Canadian Bank and 650 Fifth Avenue. Ms. Levin has worked closely throughout her career with state and federal banking regulators, the US Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC), FinCEN and the Department of Justice. Ms. Levin brings unique skills to clients seeking representation in complex financial services litigation and compliance requirements for regulated entities.

Marshall L. Miller

Marshall L. Miller is Of Counsel in the Litigation Department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Until July 2015, he served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff at DOJ’s Criminal Division, where he supervised over 600 federal prosecutors and oversaw DOJ’s highest profile cases. In that position, Mr. Miller helped determine and implement DOJ priorities and policies, testifying on Capitol Hill and advising executive branch officials. Previously, Mr. Miller served as an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York for approximately 12 years, ultimately serving as the Chief of the Office’s Criminal Division. For his work, Mr. Miller has received a number of DOJ’s highest awards, including an Attorney General’s Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of National Security and a Director’s Award for Superior Performance. In 2009, Mr. Miller received the J. Michael Bradford Award for the most outstanding performance by an AUSA from the National Association of Former United States Attorneys. Mr. Miller is also a Senior Fellow at New York University’s Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement, where he advises on white-collar enforcement and compliance efforts.

Charlie Savage

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Charlie Savage is a Washington correspondent for the New York Times. Originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Savage graduated from Harvard College and earned a master’s degree from Yale Law School as part of a Knight Foundation journalism fellowship. He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Luiza Ch. Savage, the editorial director of events for Politico, and their children, William and Peter Savage.

Savage has been covering post-9/11 issues — including national security, individual rights and the rule of law — since 2003, when he was a reporter for the Miami Herald. Later that year, he joined the Washington bureau of the Boston Globe; he then moved to the Washington bureau of the New York Times in 2008. He has also co-taught a seminar on national security and the Constitution at Georgetown University’s political science department.

His other journalism honors include the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award, the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency, and the Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism.

Gregory A. Vega

A native of East Chicago, Indiana, Mr. Vega received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Indiana University in 1975, and his Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1980. Mr. Vega was a staff member of the Valparaiso University Law Review. Mr. Vega is a member of the State Bars of California, Illinois and Indiana.

Mr. Vega began his legal career as a Trial Attorney for the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service in Chicago, Illinois. In that position, Mr. Vega tried numerous tax cases before the United States Tax Court. Mr. Vega joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Indiana in 1983, where he handled federal jury trials including the prosecution of a 32 defendant drug distribution organization (United States v. Zambrana, et al) and judicial corruption cases (United States v. Christakis, et al). In 1987, Mr. Vega accepted an offer of employment from the United States Attorney’s Office in San Diego, California where his work focused on major frauds and economic crimes.

In 1999, Mr. Vega was nominated to the position of United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, the seventh largest office in the nation. In that position, Mr. Vega prioritized improving bi-national cooperation between the United States and the Republic of Mexico in attacking the Tijuana Drug Cartel. Several successes that resulted from Mr. Vega’s efforts were the first extradition of a Mexican citizen to the United States.
(United States v. Arturo Paez) and the arrest in Mexico of Ismael Higuera, a leader of the Tijuana Cartel. An account of the cooperation can be found in the articles; “Killing Raises Doubts on Mexico’s War on Drugs” New York Times, June 5, 2000, and “New Web of Trust Topples a Mighty Mexican Cartel” New York Times, April 26, 2002.

Mr. Vega was selected by Attorney General Janet Reno to serve on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee (AGAC). Mr. Vega Co-Chaired the White Collar Crime Subcommittee of the AGAC with current Attorney General Loretta Lynch. In 2001, Mr. Vega joined the 70 attorney San Diego law firm of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek where his practice focuses on Business Litigation in State and Federal Courts, White Collar Criminal Defense and advising Corporate clients in regulated industries. Mr. Vega served as the Independent Review Organization (IRO) for a publicly traded pharmaceutical company pursuant to a Corporate Integrity Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Vega is a past President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (1997-1998); a past member of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission (2001-2005); and a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Conflict Resolution Center (2004-2014). Mr. Vega is currently the President of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys.

Kenneth Wainstein

Kenneth Wainstein is Chair of the white-collar group at Cadwalader, where he focuses his practice on corporate internal investigations and civil and criminal enforcement proceedings. Ken spent over 20 years in a variety of law enforcement and national security positions in the government. Between 1989 and 2001, Ken served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in both the Southern District of New York and the District of Columbia, where he handled criminal prosecutions ranging from public corruption to gang prosecution cases and held a variety of supervisory positions, including Acting United States Attorney. In 2001, he was appointed Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, where he provided oversight and support to the 94 U.S. Attorneys’ Offices. Between 2002 and 2004, Ken served as General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and then as Chief of Staff to Director Robert S. Mueller III. In 2004, Ken was appointed and then confirmed as United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where he had the privilege to lead the largest United States Attorney’s Office in the country. In 2006, the U.S. Senate confirmed Ken as the first Assistant Attorney General for National Security. In that position, Ken established and led the new National Security Division, which consolidated DOJ’s law enforcement and intelligence activities on counterterrorism and counterintelligence matters. In 2008, after 19 years at the Justice Department, Ken was named Homeland Security Advisor by President George W. Bush. In this capacity, he coordinated the nation’s counterterrorism, homeland security, infrastructure protection, and disaster response and recovery efforts. He advised the President, convened and chaired meetings of the Cabinet Officers on the Homeland Security Council, and oversaw the inter-agency coordination process for homeland security and counterterrorism programs.

Monty Wilkinson

Monty Wilkinson was appointed Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) by Attorney General Holder on March 29, 2014. The Executive Office, created in 1953, provides general guidance and support to the 94 United States Attorneys’ offices and its nearly 10,000 employees.

Prior to being appointed Director, Mr. Wilkinson served as the Principal Deputy Director and Chief of Staff of EOUSA.

He previously served as Counselor and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Attorney General, an Associate Deputy Attorney General, and held senior management positions for nearly a decade in the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. Mr. Wilkinson started his career at the Department of Justice as a trial attorney in the Criminal Division, serving in the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section and the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section.

Mr. Wilkinson is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Georgetown University Law Center.

Steve Zipperstein

Steve is responsible for worldwide legal, government relations, public policy, compliance, regulatory, corporate security and corporate real estate for BlackBerry Ltd. Steve also serves as the company’s Chief Risk Officer and oversees the company’s internal audit function.

Steve previously served as the General Counsel of Verizon Wireless from 2003 through 2011, and as a Deputy General Counsel of Verizon Communications Inc. from 2000 through 2003. Prior to the formation of Verizon Communications, Steve served as a Deputy General Counsel for GTE Corporation with corporate-wide responsibility for state regulatory, litigation and compliance matters.

Before joining GTE/Verizon, Steve served for more than 9 years as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney’s office in Los Angeles. Steve tried more than a dozen federal felony jury trials (including the first-ever prosecution against the owners of a failed savings and loan during the late 1980s) and he argued 23 cases before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Steve also served as Counselor to Attorney General Janet Reno during the 1995 congressional hearings regarding the events at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

Steve graduated from UCLA with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science with highest honors, and received his law degree from U.C. Davis, where he graduated Order of the Coif and served as a Law Review Editor and a Member of the Moot Court Board. Steve has taught at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and published several law review articles. He has testified before Congress on telecommunications policy issues numerous times.
Marc Zwillinge

Marc Zwillinger is the founder and managing member of ZwillGen PLLC. Marc counsels on issues related to the laws governing Internet practices, including issues related to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (“ECPA”), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (“FISA”), data breach notification, data privacy, and fantasy sports. He also helps Internet Service Providers and other clients with their compliance obligations pertaining to the use and disclosure of customer and subscriber information.

Marc also works with clients who have suffered security breaches in managing the incident response, conducting internal investigations, complying with security breach notification laws, and responding to FTC and state Attorney General inquiries.

In 2008 Marc made history by representing Yahoo! in its litigation with the government over the government’s effort to force Yahoo! to comply with directives issued under the Protect America Act, the precursor to the FISA Amendments Act. In that case, he appeared before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, and is believed to be the only private lawyer ever to do so. Since then he has continued working on national security and foreign intelligence matters and holds a Top Secret security clearance.

Over the past two years, Marc has represented Internet clients in seven FTC investigations involving data security, data privacy, and advertising practices. He has negotiated settlement agreements with the NY & MD state Attorney General offices, and defended media and Internet companies against privacy class actions brought under ECPA, CFAA, the VPPA and the VRPA.

In both the Chambers USA and Chambers Global guides, Marc is listed as a leader in the field of Privacy and Data Security law. Prior to founding ZwillGen PLLC, Marc ran the Privacy and Security groups at Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal LLP and Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Before that, he spent three years prosecuting cybercrime from the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Since 2004, Marc has briefed and argued appellate cases before the Court of Appeals for the 1st, 3rd, 5th 7th, 9th, and 11th Circuit Court as well as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Courts.

After receiving his J.D. from Harvard Law School, magna cum laude in 1994, Marc clerked for Judge Mark L. Wolf of the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts.
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