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John Dermody joined O'Melveny after a decade in government service, recently serving as a deputy legal advisor at the National Security Council (NSC). Previously, John served in the General Counsel's offices of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Defense. Drawing on his experience in the highest levels of government, John advises clients on data security, privacy, cybersecurity, and national security issues, including economic sanctions and national security reviews of investments and technology transactions conducted by the Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, Defense, the Treasury, State, and Commerce. As a member of O'Melveny's Coronavirus Task Force, John advises clients on government emergency powers, shelter-in-place orders, and data privacy issues associated with public health measures.

While at the NSC, John advised senior officials on cybersecurity, infrastructure protection, disaster response, border and transportation security, election security, biodefense, and other matters of US national security. His work included coordinating responses to and attribution of cyber incidents, revising US cyber operations policy, and helping to develop and implement the National Cyber Strategy. He also advised on US sanctions programs and matters and policies relating to supply chain security, 5G deployment, and spectrum allocation.

John's responsibilities as a senior staff attorney in the Intelligence Law Division of DHS included advising on compliance with domestic and international privacy regimes and advising government officials on data security matters related to data analytics, data sharing, and cloud computing technology, giving him unique insight on security and privacy implications of

Admissions

Bar Admissions

California

**Admitted only in California; supervised by principals of the firm.*

Education

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D., *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*, Consulting Editor

Queen's University, Belfast, M.A., International Politics, *with merit*

University of Dublin, Trinity College, M.Phil.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A.

emerging technologies. John is a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US).

John has received numerous awards over the course of his career, including the Director of National Intelligence's Meritorious Unit Citation and the DHS Secretary's Award for Excellence.

Government Experience

- Deputy Legal Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, National Security Council
- Attorney-Advisor, Intelligence Law Division, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Homeland Security
- Associate Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Defense

Professional Activities

Clerkships

- The Honorable Robert R. Rigsby, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC
- The Honorable Frederick H. Weisberg, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Publications

- "Where Will The Needle Land? COVID-19 Contact Tracing v. Protecting Personal Privacy?" *Law Journal Newsletters* (June 2020)
- "Here Come 5G IoT Devices: What Is "Reasonable Security"?" CPO Magazine (April 2, 2020)

Speaking Engagements

- "Cyberattacks, Pandemics, Emergency Planning, and the Legal Battle for Recovery," Pacific Intelligence & Cyber, Investigation Law Group, O'Melveny, and Homeland Security Advisory Council Webinar (May 28, 2020)
- "Returning to the Workplace Amidst COVID-19," O'Melveny Webinar (May 20, 2020)

Honors & Awards

- Meritorious Unit Citation, Director of National Intelligence, 2018
- Secretary's Award for Excellence, Department of Homeland Security, 2017, 2014
- Team of the Year, Intelligence Community Legal Award, 2017
- Intelligence Integration Unit Citation, Director of National Intelligence, 2015
- Intelligence Leadership Award, Department of Homeland Security, 2015