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Daniel Sutherland is the Chief Counsel for CISA, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. CISA is the nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future.

Mr. Sutherland's office negotiates complex technology agreements, provides daily operational support to the largest cyber operations center in the civilian government, advocates the agency's positions in litigation, drafts and negotiates legislation, and responds to audits and investigations. Mr. Sutherland has been engaged in many major cyber incidents of the past several years, including the OPM data breach, threats to the nation's election infrastructure, and threats posed by the Kaspersky Lab and the resulting litigation (909 F.3d 463 (2018)). His office was integrally involved in the drafting and negotiation of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018, the National Cybersecurity Protection Act of 2014, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act of 2018. In 2018, Mr. Sutherland stood up the Department's Countering Foreign Interference Task Force, seeking to respond to nation-states that use social and traditional media to sow discord among the American public. He is active in bar association activities focused on building the legal profession's proficiency in cybersecurity, such as with the American Bar Association, the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the Sedona Conference. Mr. Sutherland holds certifications in information privacy (CIPP-G) and incident response management.



Mr. Sutherland's position builds on a career focused on issues at the intersection of civil liberties and national security. In 2003, Mr. Sutherland was appointed by President Bush to serve as the first Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Department of Homeland Security, where he built a civil liberties office and advised Secretaries Ridge and Chertoff on a range of security issues. His speech on the need for the government to engage with American Arab and Muslim communities appeared in the publication Vital Speeches of the Day. Mr. Sutherland has also served in the Senior National Intelligence Service where he coordinated the government's efforts to prevent violent extremism; *Wired* referred to him as "one of the government's point people on stemming the appeal of al-Qaida."

Mr. Sutherland started his federal career as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, where for 14 years he litigated cases in courts across the country. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and University of Virginia School of Law. You can reach Mr. Sutherland at: Daniel.Sutherland@cisa.dhs.gov.