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Sam Kaplan, Leading Privacy and Cybersecurity Lawyer, Joins Wiley

PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CYBER, INFRASTRUCTURE, RISK AND RESILIENCE POLICY AT DHS

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Washington, DC – Wiley today announced that leading privacy and cybersecurity lawyer Sam Kaplan – who previously served as both Assistant Secretary for Cyber, Infrastructure, Risk and Resilience Policy and Chief Privacy Officer at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – has joined Wiley’s world-class Telecom, Media & Technology (TMT) Practice as special counsel with a specific focus on privacy and homeland security matters. Mr. Kaplan will take a multifaceted and proactive approach in advising clients on privacy, data security, emerging technology and risk management issues. He specializes in organizational compliance that focuses on operational efficiency while ensuring proper information and data management, security, transparency, and oversight.

“Sam brings well over a decade of experience in counseling senior government officials on data management, privacy issues, and risk mitigation,” said TMT Practice co-chair Kathleen A. Kirby. “His legal and policy experience with compliance-related matters, breach and incident response, and the interagency policymaking process will be immensely beneficial to our clients.”

“Sam will help us expand our global expertise on these complex and extraordinarily important issues, a matter of increasing concern for all companies regardless of their size and focus,” said TMT Practice co-chair Amb. David A. Gross. “He has unique insights from his career at DHS and across several federal agencies, and this in-depth knowledge will further strengthen our National Security and Privacy, Cyber & Data Governance practices.”

“Cybersecurity and privacy threats, especially as organizations adopt or develop new technologies, present new and dynamic risk vectors that are primary concerns to businesses and industries throughout the world,” said Mr. Kaplan. “I am pleased and honored to join Wiley’s globally recognized team of TMT lawyers, who are second to none in their deep knowledge of privacy, cybersecurity, and national security issues.”

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Appointed to his DHS position by Acting Secretary Chad Wolf, Mr. Kaplan led the agency's policy development – geared to reducing national security risks – with an emphasis on critical infrastructure cybersecurity, federal network security, countering cybercrime, and improving the security and resilience of the global cyber ecosystem. In addition, he worked on national resilience initiatives to enhance federal, state, and local government and community preparedness and response capabilities. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Kaplan served as the Department's Deputy Chief of Staff, where he oversaw DHS front-office operations and served as the principle policy advisor to the Acting Deputy Secretary.

Before his tenure at DHS, Mr. Kaplan was Senior Counsel for Field Operations at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). He also formerly served as counselor to a member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, where he was involved in the Board's oversight and advice relating to counterterrorism programs and cybersecurity activities.

Mr. Kaplan has held additional positions within the U.S. Department of Justice and ATF, to include serving as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, where he prosecuted violent crime and narcotics cases. He has a J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and an M.A. from the University of Denver Josef Korbel School of International Studies. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US).

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