

National Security

Advising clients on changing priorities, new regulations, emerging threats and untapped opportunities.

Today's complex national security environment requires businesses to redefine their relationships with the federal government. WilmerHale offers a full spectrum of services along with the extensive experience of lawyers who have served in senior national security posts, enhancing our capabilities in the areas most critical to our clients. For companies in the **defense, aerospace, government services and technology sectors**, solving complex problems requires this high level of know-how—including a deep understanding of the industries and personal insight into agency decision making—and WilmerHale's lawyers are particularly adept at developing strategies on multiple fronts to achieve our clients' objectives. We provide regulatory, legislative and transactional advice to companies supplying products and services to government customers and to clients whose commercial operations or strategic development are affected by changing security requirements and policies. We have been called upon by some of the most significant companies in this arena for representation in US Department of Justice (DOJ) and congressional investigations, sensitive internal investigations, and government enforcement and other litigation.

Our lawyers have held key positions at the Pentagon and in the intelligence community, as well as at the White House, the DOJ and several other departments, in Republican and Democratic administrations. Those positions include:

- General Counsel of the Department of Defense
- General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency
- General Counsel of the Department of the Navy
- General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Legal Adviser to the National Security Council
- General Counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee
- Legal Adviser of the Department of State (Acting)
- Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs (Acting)
- Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance
- Deputy Attorney General

- Solicitor General of the United States
- Assistant Attorney General
- United States Attorney
- Deputy Secretary of the Treasury
- Member of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission)
- Member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board

In addition, our practice includes colleagues who have held a variety of other military and civilian federal agency positions.

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