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Jonathan Meyer is a partner in the Government Contracts, Investigations and International Trade Practice Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Areas of Practice

A long-time government attorney for Joe Biden and the Obama-Biden administration, Jon counsels clients on their interactions with federal and state government, as well as cybersecurity, homeland security, congressional oversight and immigration, among other challenges.

Jon helps clients respond to government investigations, data breaches, new regulatory requirements, and border security issues. He has represented clients before the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), among many other agencies, as well as in court.

Jon served for 17 years in government, including as Senior Counsel and Acting Chief Counsel to Joe Biden, Deputy General Counsel and Senior Counselor in the Department of Homeland Security, and Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice (twice).

He also served in several senior positions on the Joe Biden and Biden-Harris team from 2019 until 2021.

At Homeland Security, Jon advised the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Chief of Staff and other senior leaders of the 240,000-employee agency on law and policy issues, including cybersecurity, airline security, high technology, immigration reform, encryption and intelligence law. In this capacity, he supervised attorneys at CBP, FEMA, TSA, ICE, the Secret Service and the Coast Guard, among others. He also oversaw all litigation at DHS, at levels from discovery disputes to U.S. Supreme Court briefs. In addition, he led the department's responses to congressional oversight from over 90 committees and caucuses of jurisdiction. More recently, he was a named *amicus* on the winning side of the Supreme Court's decision permitting the DACA program to continue.

Jon is regularly sought out by the media – including *CBS News*, *NPR*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Politico* – on issues including cybersecurity, homeland security, immigration, politics and Congress.

Jon is a recipient of the Secretary of Homeland Security's Outstanding Service Medal, DHS's highest civilian honor, along with the U.S. Secret Service Director's Honor Award and numerous other awards and honors.

Honors

Recognized for Privacy and Data Security, *Best Lawyers*, 2021

Legal 500, Media, Technology and Telecoms, 2017, 2020

Legal 500, Government Contracts, 2017

Recipient, Secretary of Homeland Security's Outstanding Service Medal, DHS's highest civilian honor

Recipient, U.S. Secret Service Director's Honor Award

Recipient, Department of Justice Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service

Experience

Select Representations:

- Advised internet service provider on response to one of the largest data breaches in history.
- Counseled major government contractors on multiple data breaches.
- Advise major foreign bank on U.S. data security laws.
- Assisted major restaurant chain in avoiding congressional oversight testimony.
- Advise government contractors on new data security requirements.
- Advised major media company on border search authorities overseas.
- Advise companies and high-net worth individuals on immigration issues.
- Represented witness before the Office of Special Counsel.
- Advised two ephemeral messaging companies regarding novel legal issues.
- Advised information technology provider on cybersecurity insurance.
- Advise data analytics firm regarding congressional scrutiny and government contracts.
- Led U.S. Department of Homeland Security legal response to multiple hacks of DHS data.
- Oversaw DHS legal team on cybersecurity issues.
- Assisted OPM in its response to breach of government employee data.
- Led DHS and Secret Service internal investigation regarding White House fence jumper.
- Led DHS response to Operation Fast and Furious and many other oversight investigations.

Articles

- PPP Data Could Lead To Trouble For Loan Recipients
Law360, 07.17.2020
- Will United States Border Protection Admit Your Foreign Visitor?
Today's General Counsel, Spring 2019

- A Quick Checklist Of Restrictions On Travel To The US
Law360, 06.29.2018
- CFPB Provides Guidance on Consumer Data Protection
Financial Regulation Journal, 11.23.2017
- How a Consumer Group's Cybersecurity Initiative Could Shape the Market
Morning Consult, 06.12.2017
- Presidential Executive Order on Cybersecurity: No More Antiquated IT
Bloomberg Law Privacy and Security Law Report, 05.29.2017
- Tech and Trump: What the Next Four Years Might Bring
Entrepreneur, 02.2017
- Some Context For Trump's New Immigration Executive Order
Law360, 01.31.2017
- Companies in the Crosshairs?
What the Election Results Mean for Congressional Oversight of Corporate America
Entrepreneur, 12.06.2016
- Attack Of The Zombie Webcams: DDoS Attacks And The Insecure IoT
Law360, 11.14.2016

Corporate & Securities Law Blog

- "Sheppard Submits Comments to Main Street Loan Program," April 17, 2020
- "UPDATED: Checklist for CARES Act Assistance to Companies," April 7, 2020
- "Checklist for CARES Act Assistance to Companies," April 1, 2020

Global Trade Law Blog

- "Securing the U.S. Bulk Power System: An Assessment of Executive Order 13920," May 12, 2020
- "Confused by the Evolving Travel Ban? Here's a Cheat Sheet with the Latest Guidance," November 15, 2017

Latin American Blog

- "Will U.S. Customs & Border Protection Admit Your Foreign Visitor? How to Avoid that Sunday Evening Phone Call from CBP," November 6, 2018
- "Travel Ban: Déjà Vu All Over Again, Again," October 23, 2017

Government Contracts Law Blog

- "COVID-19 Enforcement Trends One Year Into the Pandemic," March 30, 2021
- "IoT Legislation Advances in Congress," September 29, 2020
- "Key Provisions in the Senate Stimulus Bill," March 26, 2020
- "CMMC Version 1.0: Enhancing DOD's Supply Chain Cybersecurity," February 27, 2020
- "GSA Implements Restrictions on Certain Chinese-Made Telecommunications Services and Equipment," September 27, 2019

- "Effective Last Month! – DoD's Implementation of New FAR Prohibitions on Chinese Telecommunications Equipment and Services in Government Contracts," September 5, 2019
- "Effective Immediately! – FAR Amended to Include Prohibition on Chinese Telecommunications Equipment and Services in Government Contracts," August 13, 2019
- "New Executive Order To Further Restrict Business with Huawei and Other Foreign Adversaries Engaged in Cyber Espionage," May 20, 2019
- "The List of Forbidden Products Grows: The NDAA's Prohibitions on Use of Certain Chinese-Made Equipment," November 28, 2018
- "Don't Be Fooled: Seven Myths About Congressional Oversight," November 15, 2018
- "In January, Will You be Able to Board Your Domestic Flight With Your Current Driver's License?" November 10, 2017
- "The Travel Ban – A Quick Update," July 27, 2017
- "Dear Congress: Your District Needs a New E-4 Visa for Promising Entrepreneurs," June 28, 2017
- "Buy American and Hire American - New Executive Order Promises to Put American Workers First, But Practical Impacts Remain Unclear," April, 24 2017

FCC Law Blog Posts

- "FCC Issues New Privacy Rules for Internet Service Providers: Safeguarding Consumers or Lulling Them Into A False Sense of Privacy?," November 1, 2016

French Desk Blog Posts

- "U.S. Government Assistance in Response to COVID-19: Investigations Are Coming," June 16, 2020

Labor and Employment Law Blog Posts

- "What Does the Supreme Court DACA Decision Mean for DACA Employers and Employees?," June 26, 2020
- "How the New Presidential Proclamation Regarding Non-Immigrant Visas Affects Your Company," June 23, 2020
- "The Latest Turn in the Travel Ban Road," November 15, 2017
- "Dear Congress: Your District Needs a New E-4 Visa for Promising Entrepreneurs," July 5, 2017
- "The Travel Ban – A Quick Update," July 5, 2017
- "Sheppard Mullin Travel Advisory and Immigration Update," February 2, 2017

Eye On Privacy Blog Posts

- "NIST Finalizes Guidance on Security and Privacy Control Baselines – SP 800-53B," November 6, 2020
- "Israel Follows Europe's Lead on Privacy Shield," October 12, 2020
- "NIST Issues Long-Awaited Final Guidance on Security and Privacy Controls – SP 800-53," October 2, 2020
- "NIST Issues Draft Guidance on Security and Privacy Control Baselines – SP 800-53B," August 6, 2020
- "NIST Proposes Draft Enhanced Security Requirements for Protecting CUI," July 28, 2020
- "CISA Issues First Installment of Cyber Essentials," June 2, 2020

- "FTC Provides Direction on AI Technology," May 5, 2020
- "CMMC Version 1.0: Enhancing DOD's Supply Chain Cybersecurity," February 12, 2020
- "Iran's Imminent Cybersecurity Threat," January 7, 2020
- "Talk About Ironic: Brexit Group Fined Under EU-Related Privacy Regulations," February 19, 2019
- "Cyber Concerns Lead to EU Recall of a Connected Kids Devices," February 13, 2019
- "Court Finds Cybersecurity-Related Claims Sufficient in Securities Class Action," February 6, 2019
- "Year In Review: Eye on Privacy 2018," January 28, 2019
- "Pass It On: Locks Don't Prevent Leaks," January 9, 2019
- "When the U.S. Government Declares Companies Cyber-Insecure, We Should All Pay Attention," January 7, 2019
- "FTC Seeks Comment on Fundamental Privacy Enforcement Issues," August 10, 2018
- "DOJ Report Suggests Direction For Addressing Cyber Threats," August 8, 2018
- "FTC Pursuing, and Getting More Specific, About Privacy Post-LabMD Finding," July 18, 2018
- "FTC Signals that It Will Enforce Statements of GDPR Compliance," July 3, 2018
- "DHS Releases New Cybersecurity Strategy," May 21, 2018
- "White House Eliminates Top Cybersecurity Position," May 18, 2018
- "Dawn of the New FTC," May 9, 2018
- "Crypto-Crime: The SEC and DOJ Go After BitFunder and Its BitFounder," March 5, 2018
- "SEC Takes Baby Steps on Cyber, but Signals Greater Vigilance," February 27, 2018
- "Justice Department Creates Cyber-Digital Task Force," February 26, 2018
- "The Encryption Battle Will Continue in 2018," January 16, 2018
- "2018 Likely a Year of Rising Government Standards for Securing Information," January 10, 2018
- "2017 Saw Ransomware on the Rise – 2018 Will See Even More," January 8, 2018
- "Will 2018 Bring Developments in Government Access to Electronic Records?" January 4, 2018
- "Cybersecurity in the First Year of the Trump Administration," December 27, 2017
- "Lessons Learned from Cyber Awareness Month – Part Four," November 27, 2017
- "Lessons Learned from Cyber Awareness Month – Part Three," November 20, 2017
- "Lessons Learned from Cyber Awareness Month -Part Two," November 16, 2017
- "CFPB Provides Guidance on Consumer Data Protection," November 14, 2017
- "Lessons Learned from Cyber Awareness Month – Part One," November 13, 2017
- "Sabre Cyber Breach: New Developments," July 10, 2017
- "The Supreme Court Reenters the Fray on Privacy," June 9, 2017

Media Mentions

Sheppard Mullin and Paul Hastings Partners Picked for DHS Leadership Roles

National Law Journal, 04.12.2021

Could Federal Law Enforcement Agents Be Sent To More Cities?

KCBS Radio, 07.22.2020

Facing unrest on American streets, Trump turns Homeland Security powers inward

Washington Post, 07.21.2020

Could Trump's acquittal spell the end of White Houses honoring congressional subpoenas?

Roll Call, 02.05.2020

Expanded Travel Ban Means New Headaches For Foreign Biz

Law360, 01.22.2020

Iranian Cyber Threat Raises Stakes For Corporate Security

Law360, 01.13.2020

Ongoing cyber threat posed by Iran

CBS Newspath, 01.13.2020

Big brother on the U.S. border?

Government use of facial recognition technology is already a daily reality at this Arizona border crossing.

Politico, 10.09.2019

The Trump Administration Wants To Start DNA Testing Undocumented Immigrants In Government Custody

Buzzfeed News, 08.29.2019

City ransomware attacks and huge payouts mean a once-private corporate problem has gone public

CNBC, 06.26.2019

Trump Seizes On Idea Of Sending Immigrants To Sanctuary Cities

NPR, 04.15.2019

What's Next for Wikileaks Co-Founder?

Canadian Broadcasting Company News, 04.12.2019

Mueller's probe is expected to end soon, but things are far from over

The Washington Post, 03.23.2019

Brett Kavanaugh said Congress should hold presidents accountable. William Barr agreed.

The Washington Post, 03.09.2019

Analysis: Even if Robert Mueller's investigation concludes soon, things are far from over

Chicago Tribune, 02.23.2019

FLIR Fires Up More M&A

The Deal, 02.12.2019

Whitaker says Mueller's decisions will be reviewed. It's unclear what that even means.
Washington Post, 01.29.2019

China Hacking Revelations Show Limits Of Political Pacts
Law360, 01.10.2019

How Mueller can use the Manafort plea to get around the White House – if he wants
Washington Post, 11.28.2018

Dems Pump Brakes On Trump Agenda With House Win
Law360, 11.07.2018

New WH Cyber Strategy Talks Big Game, But Has Big Holes
Law360, 10.03.2018

Business Immigration's Uncertain Path Post-Travel Ban Ruling
Law360, 06.29.2018

Nielsen pushed to the brink
Politico, 05.11.2018

Yahoo's \$80M Data Breach Settlement Gets Preliminary OK (1)
Bloomberg Law, 05.10.2018

DHS Cybersecurity Workforce Needs Training, Competitive Salaries
Bloomberg Law, 03.08.2018

Yahoo Agrees to Pay \$80M to Settle Securities Fraud Suit
Bloomberg Law, 03.06.2018

Wickr GC Says 'Waymo v. Uber' Had 'Very Positive Result' for Ephemeral Messaging
The Recorder, 02.15.2018

More Companies Face Securities Fraud Suits After Data Breaches
Bloomberg BNA, 02.12.2018

About 250K Homeland Security Workers Affected by Data Breach
Bloomberg Law, 01.05.2018

Companies Would Gain Under House-Approved DHS Cybersecurity Bill
Bloomberg BNA, 12.14.2017

With SCOTUS Cloud Overhead, Appeals Courts Take Up Travel Ban 3.0
National Law Journal, 12.05.2017

U.S. to Resume Admitting Refugees but Those From 11 Countries to See More Scrutiny
New policy comes as the hold on U.S. refugee program lifts after 120 days
The Wall Street Journal, 10.24.2017

4 Things To Know About The Latest Travel Ban Rulings
Law360, 10.18.2017

Privacy Advocates Decry DHS' New Immigrant Data Rule
Law360, 09.27.2017

New DHS Chief Can Handle Cybersecurity Mission: Former Officials
Bloomberg BNA Privacy Law Watch Bulletin, 08.01.2017

Foreigners Wonder How Extreme Trump's Extreme Vetting Will Be
The Washington Diplomat, 08.01.2017

Thought We Had a Deal
What's it all mean?
Politico, 07.27.2017

U.S., Japan Ramp Up Cybersecurity Coordination
Bloomberg Law Privacy and Security Law Report, 07.25.2017

What's Next for Trump's Travel Ban and Vetting Procedures
The Washington Post, 06.27.2017

Jonathan Meyer KCBS Radio Interview
Trump Travel Ban Injunction Lifted in Part
KCBS Radio San Francisco, 06.26.2017

Focus Shifts To Ties With U.S. In Latest Travel Ban Twist
Law360, 06.26.2017

Professor Stopped, Grilled, Booted After 'Extreme Vetting'
New York Post, 06.08.2017

Data Privacy Role Unclear in Trump's NAFTA Trade Pact Renegotiation Plan
Bloomberg BNA Privacy Law Watch Bulletin, 05.19.2017

U.S.-Japan Cyberthreat Sharing Pact May Benefit Companies
Bloomberg BNA Privacy Law Watch Bulletin, 05.10.2017

Justices May Rein In Congress' Ability To Upend Lawsuits
Law360, 05.01.2017

Trump Said Dangerous People Might Be Pouring In Without His Travel Ban. But He's Not Rushing To Restore It.
The Washington Post, 03.23.2017

Jonathan Meyer KCBS March 16 Interview
KCBS Radio San Francisco, 03.16.2017

Life on the Watch List
National Geographic Explorer, 03.13.2017

Jonathan Meyer KCBS Interview
KCBS Radio San Francisco, 03.06.2017

Donald Trump's New Travel Ban Is Delayed, Would Likely Exempt Existing Visa Holders
The Wall Street Journal, 03.01.2017

KCBS Interview Travel Ban
CBS News Radio San Francisco, 03.01.2017

Sheppard Mullin's Gross Revenue Growth Continues
The Recorder, 03.01.2017

Weeks Later, Still No Sign of a New Travel Order
Politico, 02.24.2017

Transition 2017: Trump's Immigration Order. Where Things Stand
Politico, 02.14.2017

How the White House Turned Trump's Travel Ban into a Legal Nightmare
Vanity Fair, 02.10.2017

3 Key Trump Mistakes that Led to the Travel Ban Court Defeat
Politico, 02.09.2017

Another judge's order targets Trump travel ban
Politico, 02.01.2017

Senators Flirt With Nuclear Option Over High Court Pick
Law360, 02.01.2017

New Privacy Regs Face Steeper Climb With Trump Order
Law360, 01.31.2017

3 Gorsuch Opinions You Need To Read Right Now
Law360, 01.31.2017

Gorsuch Likely To Restore Scalia-Era High Court Balance
Law360, 01.31.2017

Gorsuch, Drawing Scalia Comparisons, Comes Under Microscope
The National Law Journal, 01.31.2017

Selective, Intense Oversight Of Companies Likely Under New Congress
Today's General Counsel, 12.19.2016

Former Department of Homeland Security Deputy General Counsel Jonathan Meyer Joins Sheppard Mullin
Washington, D.C.
09.20.2016

Speaking Engagements

"Legislative and Regulatory Outlook for Homeland Security," Panel Moderator, Homeland Security Law Institute, American Bar Association, May 31, 2019

Vice Chair and speaker, Homeland Security Law Institute, American Bar Association, May 31, 2019

"National Security and Cyber-Attacks," Panel at Incident Response Forum 2018, April 18, 2018

"Cybersecurity in an Age of Uncertainty: U.S.-Israel Perspectives," Panel at American University, March 21, 2017

"Fighting Terrorism," Public Affairs Week 2017 address, Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, Baruch College, March 20, 2017

"Cybersecurity in 2017: What In-House Counsel Need to Know," Panel Moderator, Association of Corporate Counsel of Southern California, January 26, 2017

"[Un]Building Walls: Finding Our Place in Today's Global Community," Panel at Harvard University, October 15, 2016

"Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities: What Are the Rules of the Road for Finding Them, Sharing Them, and Fixing Them?" Panel for Federal Communications Bar Association, September 22, 2016

"General Counsel's Panel," Homeland Security Law Institute, American Bar Association, August 28, 2015

"Remarks on the Importance of Government Intellectual Property," DHS Patent Award Ceremony, June 16, 2015

"The Challenges of Homeland Security: A National Perspective," Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics, Rider University, April 13, 2015

"Legal Basis for Public Administration," Master's program in Public Policy, American University, November 4, 2014

"The Fundamentals of Congressional Oversight," multiple dates and locales

"The Work of the DHS Office of General Counsel," University of California, Berkeley, Semester in Washington program, Fall 2011

"The Work of Personal and Committee Staff," multiple dates and locales

Panel on "Judicial Nominations," National Jewish Democratic Council, 2008

Events

Cybersecurity 2021: Breach Investigation and Response
Public Contracting Institute
06.17.2021

Cybersecurity 2021: Confronting the Threat - Sharing Information and Spreading the Risk
Public Contracting Institute
05.20.2021

Cybersecurity 2019: Regulations and Standards
Public Contracting Institute
03.13.2019

Cybersecurity 2019: Protecting Sensitive Information
Public Contracting Institute
02.19.2019

Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinar Series
Visas for Entrepreneurs – A Quick Lap Around the Visa Track
Via GlobalMeet, 01.17.2019

Cybersecurity 2019: Introduction and Overview
01.15.2019

Incident Response Forum 2018
A Data Breach Response Conference for Legal and Compliance Professionals
Washington, D.C., 04.18.2018

Breach Investigation and Response Virtual Class
Cybersecurity: It Isn't Just for Techies Anymore!
Virtual Class, 03.20.2018

Confronting the Threat – Sharing Information and Spreading the Risk Virtual Class
Cybersecurity: It Isn't Just for Techies Anymore!
Virtual Class, 02.20.2018

The Cloud and FedRAMP Virtual Class
Cybersecurity: It Isn't Just for Techies Anymore!
Virtual Class, 01.30.2018

Regulations and Standards
Cybersecurity: It Isn't Just for Techies Anymore!
Virtual Class, 12.19.2017

IAHA Annual Health Law Symposium
Chicago, IL
11.02.2017

Where Are We Headed? Trends and Directions in the Aerospace & Defense Market 2018
Washington, D.C.
11.01.2017

Cybersecurity: It Isn't Just for Techies Anymore! Virtual Class Series
Webinar
10.31.2017

Lunch With Your Cybersecurity Lawyer
Sheppard Mullin DC
09.28.2017

Podcasts & Webinars

Nota Bene Episode 90: U.S. Q3 Check In: Stimulus, Relief, Election, and Direction with Elizabeth Frazee and Jonathan Meyer
07.29.2020

Nota Bene Episode 82: How Congress is Meeting the Pandemic: Stimulus, Relief, and Recovery with Elizabeth Frazee and Jonathan Meyer
05.20.2020

Nota Bene Episode 64: U.S. Check In: Prescription Drugs, USMCA, Privacy, Impeachment and Iran with Elizabeth Frazee and Jonathan Meyer
01.08.2020

Nota Bene Episode 53: Presidential Impeachment Inquiry, USMCA Deal Approval, and Congressional Budgets with Elizabeth Frazee and Jonathan Meyer
10.09.2019

Nota Bene Episode 44: Executive Branch Forecast Q3: Mueller's Testimony, the Fiscal Cliff, and Gerrymandering with Jonathan Meyer
07.17.2019

Nota Bene Episode 31: Mexican Border Closure, Obamacare, and Mueller's Report with Jonathan Meyer
04.10.2019

Visas for Entrepreneurs – A Quick Lap Around the Visa Track
01.17.2019

Nota Bene Episode 19: What the Government Shutdown Means for Businesses with Jonathan Meyer
01.14.2019

Nota Bene Episode 17: Busting the Seven Myths of Congressional Oversight with Jonathan Meyer
01.02.2019

Practices

Government Contracts, Investigations & International Trade

Public Policy and Government Affairs

Intellectual Property

Entertainment and Digital Media

Litigation

Privacy and Cybersecurity

White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations

International Reach

Israel

France

Immigration

Immigration

Industries

Aerospace, Defense & Government Services

Blockchain and Fintech

Transportation

Education

J.D., Columbia University Law School, 1992, *Stone Scholar*

M.P.A., Princeton University, 1992

B.A., Harvard University, 1986, *cum laude*

Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

Languages

French

Hebrew