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David Simon, a partner in Mayer Brown's Washington DC office, is a leading member of the global Cybersecurity & Data Privacy practice and a member of the firm's National Security and Government Contracts practices. A former special counsel at the US Department of Defense, David has deep experience advising victims of state-sponsored cyber activity, supply chain attacks, ransomware attacks, and other forms of cyber extortion attacks. He regularly supports clients as the lead investigator and crisis manager for cross-border cyber incidents, including data breaches involving personal data, nation-state threats targeting intellectual property, state-sponsored theft of sensitive information, and destructive attacks. This experience allows David to offer keen insights when counseling companies, including management teams and boards of directors, as they address cyber vulnerabilities and breaches, as well as associated legal, regulatory, and reputational consequences. In a similar vein, he regularly helps companies structure, negotiate and protect their commercial and compliance relationships with key national security government agencies. David has offered his counsel on incident preparedness and compliance management systems across virtually every sector of the economy.

David is widely recognized for his experience regarding the legal and policy issues at the intersection of cybersecurity, AI, and national security. David is currently serving on a pro bono basis as Chief Counsel for Cybersecurity and National Security to the US Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a bipartisan commission established by Congress to develop a comprehensive strategy to defend the US, including the private sector, from significant attacks in cyberspace. He is an Adjunct Fellow in Cybersecurity and International Law at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where he served as a member of a Cyber Policy Task Force that developed cybersecurity recommendations for the 45th presidential administration. David is also a Visiting Research Fellow with the College of Information and Cyberspace at the U.S. National Defense University. Currently, David also serves as an independent expert on cybersecurity, data privacy and international law to the United Nations (UN). He is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

A Rhodes Scholar and Truman Scholar, David graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was an executive editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* and a Heyman Fellow. Prior to attending law school, he received an M.Phil. in International Relations from Trinity College, Oxford, where he debated for the Oxford Union and was the managing editor of the *Oxford International Review*. David graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Minnesota, where he received a BA in Russian Area Studies.