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Megan Brown Authors National Security Institute's White Paper on Public-Private Cybersecurity Partnerships

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Washington, DC — Megan L. Brown, partner in Wiley Rein's Telecom, Media & Technology and Privacy & Cybersecurity practices, authored a white paper published today by the National Security Institute (NSI) at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School. This paper comes at an important time, as policymakers look at supply chain threats, software and hardware vulnerabilities, collective defense, and protecting the United States' innovation base and critical infrastructure.

The white paper, "Cyber Imperative: Preserve and Strengthen Public-Private Partnerships," examines the:

- Importance of public-private partnerships to U.S. cybersecurity policy and law.
- Benefits of collaboration and partnership – domestically and abroad – over regulation and mandates.
- Challenges to cooperation, such as limitations in current law, the overlap in government cyber activities, and fear of post-hoc recrimination.
- Ways that policymakers can foster collaboration through creative solutions.

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"Policymakers should double down on successful partnerships," said Ms. Brown. "The United States needs to think big and pursue creative solutions to foster more partnerships and work collectively to address security challenges."

The paper explains the importance of public private partnerships to U.S. cybersecurity policy and argues that policymakers should embrace and strengthen that model, and avoid pursuing regulatory or other models that will erode trust.

To read the full white paper, please click [here](#).

Ms. Brown – *who served in the U.S. Department of Justice as Counsel to two U.S. Attorneys General* – is an NSI Senior Fellow and Associate Director for Cybersecurity Programs. Additionally, she is co-author of a pivotal IoT Security Report published by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the U.S. Chamber's Cybersecurity Leadership Council and is on the Board of the Women's High-Tech Coalition.

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