



INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Select Committee on Cybersecurity and Identity Theft Prevention

Exploring Data Breaches: What State, Local, and Private Institutions can do to Protect Themselves and the Public

Panelist Biographies

Bruce Byrd

Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Palo Alto Networks

Bruce joined Palo Alto Networks as its general counsel in January 2021. He is responsible for legal affairs and compliance for the company, as well as its government affairs and public policy group. Bruce previously served as Chief Legal Officer for AT&T Communications, AT&T's largest operating company. During his 20-year tenure at AT&T, Bruce held positions in virtually every corner of the business, as well as its government affairs team in Washington, DC. Prior to AT&T, Bruce was a partner at Dickinson Wright PLLC, an AmLaw 150 law firm, where he maintained an active commercial litigation and regulatory practice. Bruce is the chair of the board of directors of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession and serves on the boards of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution and the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. Bruce is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School.

Mike McNerney

Chief Operations Officer, Resilience

Mike McNerney is a technology entrepreneur and military veteran focused on cybersecurity. He is currently the Chief Operations Officer of Resilience, a cyber insurance firm combining cybersecurity with cyber insurance for mid-market enterprises. Prior to joining Resilience Mike was Co-founder and CEO of Efflux Systems, later acquired by Arbor Networks, where he went on to lead their threat intelligence business.

Previously, Mike served as a Cyber Policy Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he drafted and negotiated key pieces of federal legislation to develop cybersecurity

programs as well as in the U.S. Department of State, where he pioneered economic development programs in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Mike is the Chair & Co-founder of the Institute for Security & Technology and is an affiliate at the Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation. As a former officer in the United States Air Force, Mike continues to serve as a Board Member of the nonprofit organization Vets-in-Tech. He holds a B.A with majors in Economics and a Political Science from University of California, Davis, and a J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law.

John M. Gilligan

President and Chief Executive Officer

John Gilligan became the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Internet Security (CIS) in October of 2018. He served on the CIS Board of Directors from 2005 – 2018 and was chairman of the board from 2009 – 2018.

Gilligan has 25+ years of managerial experience in leading large organizations with expertise in cybersecurity, business strategy, organizational innovation, and program implementation. He served as President and COO of the Schafer Corporation from May 2013 until May 2017. Prior to the Schafer Corporation, he was President of the Gilligan Group, a Virginia based IT and cyber consulting firm. Before founding the Gilligan Group, he was a Senior Vice President and Director, Defense Sector, at SRA International, Inc.

Gilligan served as the Chief Information Officer for the United States Air Force and the U.S. Department of Energy. His experience includes working as the Program Executive Officer for Battle Management and Command & Control system for the Air Force. He was a member of the Cyber Security Commission (formed to advise the 44th President) and served as an advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on IT reform.

In addition to his work with CIS, Gilligan is currently on the boards of the Software Engineering Institute, Isobar Inc., and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). He currently co-chairs AFCEA's Cyber Committee. Gilligan has also served as chairman of the board of directors for Cyber Griffin Inc. and HDT Global Inc.

Gilligan's published work on cybersecurity includes CIS's A Handbook for Elections Infrastructure Security, Managing Cyber Threats through Effective Governance: A Call to Action for Governors and State Legislators, The Economics of Cybersecurity Parts I and II: A Practical Framework for Cybersecurity Investment, and Effectively Integrating Cybersecurity into Enterprise Risk Management. The last two publications were published by the AFCEA International Cyber Committee.

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