

# **Grant Schneider, Former White House Federal Chief Information Security Officer, Joins Venable's Cybersecurity Team**

Washington, DC -- Venable LLP is pleased to announce that Grant Schneider has joined the firm as senior director of cybersecurity services in the Washington, DC office. As the most senior cybersecurity executive in the U.S. government, Schneider most recently served as the federal chief information security officer (CISO) for the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and on the White House National Security Council as senior director for cybersecurity policy.

Schneider was responsible for enhancing the overall defensive cybersecurity posture of federal and critical infrastructure systems, leveraging the expertise of the U.S. intelligence community to identify and mitigate threats to federal cybersecurity, and leading effective and efficient responses to federal incidents. He oversaw the most comprehensive review of the federal government's cybersecurity enterprise, implementing a cybersecurity risk assessment process across 100+ agencies, and worked with Congress to spearhead legislative initiatives, including the SECURE Technology Act, which established the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) to allow for a federal whole-of-government risk management approach to recommending the removal or exclusion of companies or products that pose too great a risk to the federal enterprise. He also served as the first chair of the interagency Federal Acquisition Security Council, establishing criteria processes, and procedures that will be used to evaluate the risk of products and services to the federal

government.

Concurrent with serving as the federal CISO, Schneider facilitated interagency and industry discussions to enhance the cybersecurity posture of the nation as the National Security Council's senior director for cybersecurity policy. During his tenure, he led White House efforts to develop and successfully gain cabinet and presidential approval for the first National Cyber Strategy in more than 15 years, and acted as the principal White House liaison for multiple public-private partnerships focused on securing our national critical infrastructure, including the National Telecommunications Security Council; the Enduring Security Framework; the Energy and Government Coordinating Council; and the Communications and Government Coordinating Council.

Schneider received his B.S. in Applied Math from George Mason University.