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Prominent Matters

- Designed and implemented sensitive data and IP security control programs; shaped policy at the national level and security framework formation; and proactively resolved complex investigation, audit, and regulatory oversight issues.
- Built and led the cyber security components required to support winning and executing multi-billion dollar government contracts.
- In-house CISO at a biotechnology startup and two Fortune 10 aerospace, defense, and technology companies.
- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification [CMMC] and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement [DFARS] compliance leader for multinational trading company.

Stephen Gilmer, Certified Chief Information Security Officer [C|CISO], is a Managing Director in the Compliance, Risk & Resilience group with more than 25 years of experience as a technical expert and executive leader focused on securing companies' most sensitive and valuable data and systems.

Prior to joining B. Riley, Stephen was with Ankura Consulting Group, after transitioning from industry to the advisory space. In addition, he was in-house CISO at a biotechnology startup and two Fortune 10 aerospace, defense, and technology companies. In these roles, he designed and implemented sensitive data and IP security control programs; shaped policy at the national level and security framework formation; and proactively resolved complex investigation, audit, and regulatory oversight issues.

Mr. Gilmer has deep experience and firsthand knowledge of the challenges facing the Defense Industrial Base and defense contractors. He helped shape how the original Cyber DFARS [252.204-7012] was required to be implemented and is now helping organizations become prepared to meet the CMMCs mandated by the Department of Defense [DoD]. He has helped start-ups, Defense-only organizations, and multi-billion dollar mixed commercial/defense organizations with their CMMC preparations. His guidance has been across all levels of the organization - from the board strategy and legal and compliance support to IT technical guidance.

Stephen is a Six Sigma Black Belt who led the IT infrastructure transition of a private startup to address the regulatory and operational requirements that would be required of the company when it became publicly traded. As a business executive and CISO at a large aerospace defense company that was subject to a consent agreement with the United States government, Stephen also led global cyber investigations, risk analysis, engagement, and mitigation controls process necessary for the organization to successfully navigate oversight requirements and re-establish credibility with government customers. Concurrently, he led the cybersecurity efforts of the company to win and execute multi-billion-dollar government contracts.

Mr. Gilmer frequently speaks at global cybersecurity conferences, publishes articles on the business advantages of proactive cyber risk management, and advises on and conducts cybersecurity education and training for members of corporate boards, C-Suites, and compliance officers. As an advisory board member, Stephen helps bridge the gap between the CISO function and the C-Suite and boardroom by focusing on the business advantages that this brings to an organization.

Stephen has negotiated and approved the cybersecurity language used on contracts worth up to \$6 billion dollars with the U.S. military, addressing all aspects of cybersecurity, data protection, classified and non-classified data, audits, and governance.

Mr. Gilmer received his BA in Computer Science from Kalamazoo College and has completed the Executive Leadership Program at Cornell University.

Specialties:

Crisis Management
Cybersecurity
Data Breaches
Due Diligence
Enterprise Risk
Management
Governance & Compliance
Internal Investigations

Industries:

Aerospace
Biotechnology
Defense
International
Manufacturing