



LAWRENCE (CHIP) MUIR

PARTNER

Lawrence (Chip) Muir's practice focuses on cybersecurity, government regulation, and government contracts. Chip has a unique background for this area of the law. As an attorney, he prosecuted computer crimes for almost 5 years. As an entrepreneur, he started his own software company and has developed multiple cybersecurity offerings, including compliance software used by corporate executives to track internal compliance and make informed decisions regarding the cybersecurity risk within their supply chain.

Chip has held positions with the federal and state government. In 2017 he served as General Counsel and as the Acting Chief of Staff to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. He served in state government as Assistant Attorney General of Virginia, and local government as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. He has also been the general counsel to a government contractor and taught cybercrime law as an adjunct professor of law at Washington and Lee University School of Law. He has also been the CEO of The Muir Group since 2018, which is a holdings company that owns subsidiary companies that develop national security-related technologies.

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Vienna, VA

EDUCATION

- J.D. Washington and Lee University School of Law
- B.A. Washington & Jefferson College

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

PUBLICATIONS

- The Case Against an International Cyber Warfare Convention, 2 Wake Forest L. Rev. Online 5 (2011).
- Robert Samuel, After High Court Ruling, Advocates Question Rules on Police Searches Using GPS, FOXNEWS.COM, February 1, 2012.
- Cyberwarfare a Viable Nonviolent Alternative to Military Strikes, USNEWS.COM DEBATE CLUB, June 8, 2012.
- Combatting Cyber-Attacks Through National Interest Diplomacy: A Trilateral Treaty with Teeth, 71 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. Online 73 (2014).
- Revising the CFAA: How Stronger Domestic Law Can Improve International Cybersecurity, Georgetown Journal of International Affairs Online (2015).
- The Digital Penetration of American National Security: How a coordinated government response that emphasizes private ownership and private lawyers will strengthen America, Washington and Lee Law Faculty Scholarship Blog, February 17, 2017.



TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

- Adjunct Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2012-2016. Taught a seminar on cybercrime.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Phi Beta Kappa

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- An Overview of the Computer Crimes Act, Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney Services Council, Norfolk, VA, March 31, 2009
- Computer Crimes and Your Practice, Richmond Bar Association, Richmond Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA, September 18, 2009
- Investigating Computer Crimes, University of Richmond School of Law 2010 JOLT Symposium, March 25, 2010
- "Murder One": Using Digital Evidence to Investigate and Prosecute Homicide Cases, Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys Services Council training, Williamsburg, VA, June 9, 2010
- Cyber Security in Virginia, Virginia Information Technology Agency Information Security Officer Advisory Group, Richmond, VA, March 2, 2011.
- Cyber Security and the Nuclear Industry, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, MD, July 18, 2012
- CISPA and Civil Liberties, Federalist Society, Richmond Chapter, Richmond, VA, June 25, 2013
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework, Infragard, Richmond Chapter, Richmond, VA, February 12, 2014
- United States vs. Riley: How the Separation of Powers Can Define Technology's Influence on the Fourth Amendment, Federalist Society, University of Richmond School of Law, September 22, 2014. (Second presentation given at Washington & Lee University School of Law.)
- The Computer Fraud & Abuse Act: What you should know about it, and why it doesn't work, Washington & Lee Alumni Association, Richmond Chapter, Richmond, VA, October 6, 2015.
- National Security Law Brief Spring Symposium, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., March 1, 2017.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Prior government service
- White House
 - General Counsel to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
 - Acting Chief of Staff, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Virginia
 - Assistant Attorney General of Virginia, Computer Crime Section
 - Special Assistant United States Attorney, EDVA and WDVA

