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Jamil N. Jaffer currently serves as the Vice President for Strategy and Business Development at IronNet Cybersecurity, a startup technology firm founded by Gen. (ret.) Keith Alexander, the former Director of the National Security Agency and Matt Olsen, the former Director of the National Counterterrorism Center. Mr. Jaffer also currently serves as an Adjunct Professor and Director of the Homeland and National Security Law Program at the George Mason University School of Law where, among other things, he co-teaches classes on surveillance law, cybersecurity law, and national security law.

Immediately prior to joining IronNet, Mr. Jaffer served as the Chief Counsel and Senior Advisor for the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where he advised the Chairman of the Committee on a range of foreign policy, intelligence, and national security matters. In that capacity, Mr. Jaffer served as the lead architect of a number of bills, including the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, two sets of legislative sanctions on Russia for its destabilizing role in Ukraine, legislation to arm the Syrian rebels, and multiple authorizations the use of military force, including against Syria, ISIS, and al Qaeda. Mr. Jaffer also served as an Adjunct Professor at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs where he co-taught a graduate seminar on the fundamentals of intelligence.

Prior to joining the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Jaffer served as Senior Counsel to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the U.S. House of Representatives where he worked on range of intelligence and national security issues, including cybersecurity, counterterrorism, and surveillance matters. In that position, Jamil served as the lead architect of the Cyber Information Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) and conducted oversight of the National Security Agency (NSA), the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). Mr. Jaffer also served as an Adjunct Professor at the National Intelligence University where he taught a seminar on intelligence and national security law. Prior to serving on Capitol Hill, Mr. Jaffer worked at Kellogg Huber, a Washington, DC-based trial litigation firm.

Prior to working at the firm, Mr. Jaffer served in the White House as an Associate Counsel to the President, handling Defense Department, State Department, and Intelligence Community matters. In that capacity, Mr. Jaffer also served as one of the White House Counsel's primary representatives to the National Security Council Deputies Committee.

Prior to serving in the White House, Mr. Jaffer served as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the front office of the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he handled a wide range of national security issues, with a focus on counterterrorism and intelligence matters. Mr. Jaffer was one of the primary brief writers on *In re: Directives [redacted] Pursuant to Section 105B of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act*, a significant litigation matter involving foreign intelligence surveillance. In that capacity, Mr. Jaffer worked on briefs at the trial and appellate levels,

including briefing before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review for only the second time in that court's nearly 30-year history. For his work on the litigation, Mr. Jaffer was awarded the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Special Initiative. Mr. Jaffer also led the National Security Division's team of lawyers working on the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI), including the drafting of NSPD-54/HSPD-23, and related classified matters, and was among the group of lawyers awarded the Director of National Intelligence's 2008 Legal Award (Team of the Year – Cyber Legal).

Prior to joining the National Security Division's front office, Mr. Jaffer served as Senior Counsel for National Security Law and Policy in the National Security Division, as well as in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy, where, among other things, he worked on the confirmations of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. and Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

Mr. Jaffer served as a law clerk to Judge Edith H. Jones of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Judge Neil M. Gorsuch of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Mr. Jaffer also worked as a policy aide to Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), and on a number of political campaigns.

Mr. Jaffer has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution regarding civil liberties and national security, and before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on the Electronic Communications Privacy Act and related cybersecurity matters. In addition, Mr. Jaffer has appeared on various national media outlets, including National Public Radio, and in various print and online sources, including the Washington Post, U.S. News and World Report, National Review Online, and MSNBC Digital. Mr. Jaffer is the author or co-author a number of published works, including a recent book chapter on international terrorism with former CIA Director Gen. Mike Hayden in CHOOSING TO LEAD: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY FOR A DISORDERED WORLD (2015) and a book chapter on surveillance laws in the ABA's LAW OF COUNTERTERRORISM (2011).

Mr. Jaffer holds degrees from UCLA (B.A. *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 1998), the University of Chicago Law School (J.D. *with honors*, 2003), and the United States Naval War College (M.A. *with distinction*, 2006). While in law school, Mr. Jaffer served as an editor of the University of Chicago Law Review, Managing Editor of the Chicago Journal of International Law, and National Symposium Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy.