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Areas of Focus

Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense

National Security and Crisis

Data Privacy and
Cybersecurity

Critical and Emerging
Technologies



Overview

Philip Chertoff is a key member of Jenner & Block's multidisciplinary Critical and Emerging Technologies and National Security and Crisis practices. He provides legal advice and strategic counsel to clients navigating the intersection of emerging technologies and national security.

Philip represents clients in high-stakes litigation and investigations, with experience handling legal issues arising under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), sanctions regulations, and the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA). Drawing on his background in government, Philip is adept at navigating intricate and sensitive investigations into alleged criminal conduct, particularly those involving national security concerns or classified information. He also offers strategic counsel on the complex legal issues related to the adoption and development of emerging and sensitive technologies, including artificial intelligence and quantum computing.

Philip joined the firm after completing a clerkship in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York with Judge Colleen McMahon. He received his JD from Harvard Law School in 2021, where he served as the Executive Editor of the *Harvard National Security Journal*. He also contributed to the Lawfare blog, writing about surveillance and surveillance technology, and worked as a research assistant for Professor Jack Goldsmith. While in law school, Philip represented clients in misdemeanor criminal cases as a student lawyer for the Harvard Criminal Justice Institute, handling matters before the Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court.

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Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2021

Education

- Harvard Law School, JD, *Harvard National Security Journal*; Berkman Klein student fellow; research assistant, 2021
- University of Chicago, BA, Department and General Honors, 2015

Clerkships

- Hon. Colleen McMahon, US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2022-2023

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2025; High Honor Roll, 2024