

Weil Tech Partner Named Firm's US Cybersecurity Head

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Law360 (April 19, 2024, 3:59 PM EDT) -- Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP has appointed an experienced technology and intellectual property transactional attorney as head of its U.S. privacy and cybersecurity practice group, the firm announced Friday.

Olivia Greer told Law360 Pulse that she officially stepped into her new role leading the privacy and cybersecurity practice in March. A firm lifer who has spent her entire 12-year legal career with Weil, she also co-leads its artificial intelligence task force and previously chaired its attorney mothers' affinity group.



Olivia Greer

"I am so energized about the opportunity to lead the U.S. privacy & cybersecurity practice at Weil," Greer told Law360 Pulse. "We have so much momentum, as a practice, working with incredible clients in so many different industries. We help them navigate the ever-changing patchwork of privacy and data protection laws and regulations, a perilous cybersecurity landscape — and really exciting, but challenging developing technologies."

Greer said Weil's cybersecurity practice consists of corporate, litigation and regulatory lawyers working on a wide range of matters such as corporate transactions, defending class action litigations, counseling directors and management on varied regulatory reporting requirements and navigating data breaches.

She added that the group has about 25 dedicated attorneys with another 25 from other practices that regularly participate in cybersecurity and privacy matters and that there are plans to expand.

"We have an exceptionally talented — as well as nimble and efficient — dream team working really well together at the moment," Greer said. "The sands of privacy and cybersecurity are shifting beneath our feet constantly and we are laser-focused on maintaining a sharp and sophisticated grasp on that landscape."

Greer graduated from Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She said her practice focuses on advisory matters related to organizational privacy and cybersecurity compliance and risk management and corporate transactions, with Weil adding that she advised on 80 transactions in 2023.

"We are thrilled that Olivia Greer has chosen to lead Weil's U.S. privacy practice," technology and IP transactions co-heads Charan Sandhu and Jeffrey Osterman, said in a statement. "Olivia's experience, creativity and mastery of this rapidly evolving area of law squarely puts Weil ahead in guiding our clients through exceedingly difficult privacy issues."

Artificial intelligence is another field that Greer said has become a major part of the work she does, working in areas such as AI governance frameworks, advising on product development and integration and researching privacy implications.

"What's interesting to me about AI right now is that, for those of us who have been in the privacy and cybersecurity world for a while, most of the issues coming up now aren't new," Greer said. "We've been talking about AI for more than a decade — we just called it machine learning and data analytics. The questions and concerns about training data, algorithms and models, inputs and outputs — they aren't new, they're just a lot bigger."

Outside of her cybersecurity and privacy work, Weil said Greer also works on a substantial amount of pro bono matters, having participated in over 70 throughout her career, including acting as outside general counsel to the nonprofit Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project.

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