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Lisa Sotto Appointed To Privacy Advisory Committee for U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Hunton & Williams is pleased to announce that Partner Lisa J. Sotto, a member of the firm's Privacy and Information Management practice group, has been appointed to the Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee of the Department of Homeland Security. The 20-member committee will advise the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and Chief Privacy Officer Nuala O'Connor Kelly on issues affecting individual privacy, data integrity, data interoperability and other privacy-related matters.

"Lisa is a pioneer in the field of privacy and information management, and we applaud her selection as an advisor on the critical privacy issues facing our nation," said Thurston R. Moore, Hunton & Williams' managing partner. "As new technologies threaten to outpace government regulation, privacy matters have become increasingly complex both in the United States and abroad."

The Privacy Advisory Committee members are recognized experts in the fields of data protection, privacy, interoperability or emerging technologies. They will meet on a quarterly basis in Washington, DC and elsewhere in the United States. Ms. Sotto is the only lawyer in private practice named to the committee and will serve a four-year term ending January 31, 2009.

Ms. Sotto is a key advisor to Hunton & Williams' Center for Information Policy Leadership, a privacy think tank that advises clients on a wide range of privacy-related issues, including improved privacy notices. She recently testified before the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics regarding privacy issues associated with the use of radio frequency identification (also known as RFID) technology in health care settings.

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