

## Covington Snags Cyber Investigations Pro From Symantec

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*Law360, New York (May 3, 2016, 11:25 PM ET)* -- Covington & Burling LLP has boosted its data forensics and information security capabilities by adding Symantec's director of cyber incident response and investigations to its privacy team in New York, the firm said Tuesday.

Jennifer Martin is joining Covington's data privacy and cybersecurity practice as of counsel from security services provider Symantec Corp., where she has worked since 2010. She began as lead in-house internal investigations counsel at Symantec before transitioning in 2013 to her most recent position as director of cyber incident response and investigations, according to the the law firm.

Before Symantec, Martin spent time in a variety of roles that allowed her to tackle cybersecurity from a multitude of angles, including as a managing director at cybersecurity and forensics consulting firm Stroz Friedberg and as a federal and local cyber crime prosecutor.

"Jennifer has worked at the intersection of law and cybersecurity from almost every vantage point over the past 15 years," David Fagan, who leads Covington's cyber and data security incident response practice, said in a statement Tuesday. "Her expertise in this area has been uniquely honed through her experience managing cyber risks and responding to threats from a variety of perspectives over the course of her career working in both business and government, and she will add even greater experience and technical expertise to our team."

Martin told Law360 on Tuesday that she is looking forward to bringing her broad array of experiences to bear in her new position at Covington.

"I believe all of my experiences — as a federal cyber crime prosecutor, managing director of a forensics consulting firm, in-house investigations counsel and manager of the cyber incident response program at Symantec — provide me with a unique set of experiences and perspectives to advise organizations on a host of legal, risk management and operational challenges with which organizations are currently grappling," she said.

Martin earned her law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1995, after receiving a Bachelor of Science in pure mathematics from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science in mathematics from the University of Illinois.

After law school, Martin clerked for Judges Theodore McKee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Rosemary Barkett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and worked briefly as

an associate at Sidley Austin LLP.

She began work as senior counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice's then-nascent Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section in 1999 before moving to a role as assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in 2004.

During her time in public service, Martin prosecuted matters such as a high-profile Economic Espionage Act case against foreign software engineers, as well as worked on policy issues such as helping to negotiate the Council of Europe Convention on Cyber Crime and working bilaterally with other countries and international organizations on the multinational aspects of cyber crime and privacy.

"It's been an amazing experience to be part of the evolution of the law in response to the rapid changes we've seen in technology," Martin said.

Since rejoining the private sector first at Strotz Friedberg and later at Symantec, Martin has managed and advised a multitude of organizations on cyber risk mitigation and information management, and has supervised numerous cyber incident response matters, including data breaches and insider thefts of trade secrets, according to Covington.

Martin said Tuesday that she chose Covington due to the strength of the platform it offers for her practice, which she is planning to focus on advising organizations on how to build effective programs to mitigate cyber risk consistent with changing regulatory and legal obligations and best practices, and providing holistic, thorough response and investigative services when incidents do occur.

"Covington is one of a small handful of firms that has an established practice in deep cybersecurity and incident response, supplemented by well-established national security and privacy practices," she said. "Covington provided me with the best platform to use my expertise to provide these critical services across a variety of industries."

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