

Biography

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John M. Gilligan

President & Chief Executive Officer

John Gilligan became the President and Chief Executive Officer of CIS (Center for Internet Security, Inc.) in October of 2018. He served on CIS' Board of Directors from 2005 – 2018 and was Chairman of the Board from 2009 – 2018.

Gilligan has more than 25 years of managerial experience in leading large organizations with expertise in cybersecurity, business strategy, organizational innovation, and program implementation. He served as President and COO of the Schafer Corporation from May 2013 until May 2017. Prior to Schafer Corporation, He was the President of Gilligan Group, a Virginia based IT and cyber consulting firm. Before founding the Gilligan Group, Gilligan was a Senior Vice President and Director, Defense Sector, at SRA International, Inc.

He served as the Chief Information Officer for the United States Air Force and the U.S. Department of Energy. Gilligan's experience includes working as the Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Command and Control Battle Management Operations for the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Cyber Security Commission (formed to advise the 44th President) and served as an advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on IT reform.

In addition to his work with CIS, Gilligan is currently on the boards of the Software Engineering Institute, Isobar Inc., and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. He currently co-chairs the Cyber Committee of the Armed Forces Electronics Association (AFCEA). Gilligan has also served as Chairman of the boards of directors for Cyber Griffin Inc. and HDT Global Inc.

Gilligan's published work on cybersecurity includes CIS' A Handbook for Elections Infrastructure Security, The Economics of Cybersecurity Part I: A Practical Framework for Cybersecurity Investment and The Economics of Cybersecurity Part II: Extending the Cybersecurity Framework. The last two publications were coordinated via the AFCEA International Cyber Committee.