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Mr. Butler has argued on behalf of EPIC in privacy and open government cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the Third Circuit, and the Supreme Courts of New Mexico and New Jersey. Mr. Butler has authored briefs on behalf of EPIC in significant privacy cases, including an amicus brief in *Riley v. California* that was cited in the Supreme Court's unanimous opinion upholding Fourth Amendment protections for cell phones. He has also authored briefs on national security, open government, workplace privacy, and consumer protection issues.

He is co-author of the most recent edition of [Communications Law and Policy: Cases and Materials](#) and has also published several articles on emerging privacy issues, including: [Products Liability and the Internet of \(Insecure\) Things: Should Manufacturers Be Liable for Damage Caused by Hacked Devices?](#), [Get a Warrant: The Supreme Court's New Course for Digital Privacy Rights after Riley v. California](#), [Standing Up to Clapper: How to Increase Transparency and Oversight of FISA Surveillance](#), and [When Cyberweapons End Up on Private Networks: Third Amendment Implications for Cybersecurity Policy](#).

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