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California ‘Trap and Trace’ Lawsuits Show No Sign of Slowing

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Dustin Taylor, counsel in Troutman Pepper Locke’s Privacy + Cyber Practice Group, was quoted in the December 22, 2025 *Corporate Counsel* article, “[California ‘Trap and Trace’ Lawsuits Show No Sign of Slowing](#).”

Dustin Taylor, an attorney at Troutman Pepper Locke, noted that plaintiffs have already adapted to unfavorable decisions. For example, suits began zeroing in on the “track and trace” theory after some courts rejected lawsuits alleging that the tracking tools were illegal “pen registers,” or devices to track outgoing calls.

He said plaintiffs were likely to develop new theories, even in the face of legal setbacks.

“I think history teaches us it’s going to be something else,” Taylor said. “History teaches us it’s not just going to go away.”

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