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Online Wiretap Claims to Get Fresh Eye in 1st Cir. Privacy Clash

Dustin Taylor, counsel in Troutman Pepper Locke's Privacy + Cyber Practice Group, was quoted in the April 3, 2026 *Bloomberg Law* article, "[Online Wiretap Claims to Get Fresh Eye in 1st Cir. Privacy Clash.](#)"

Courts have divided over how to interpret the "purpose" element of the provision, according to Dustin L. Taylor, who is of counsel with Troutman Pepper Locke LLP.

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In analyzing the exception, some courts limit liability to cases where the intent of the interception was to commit a crime or tort, but others focus on whether the act was criminal or tortious without regard to the intent of the intercepting party, said Taylor, who defends corporations in data-privacy litigation.

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