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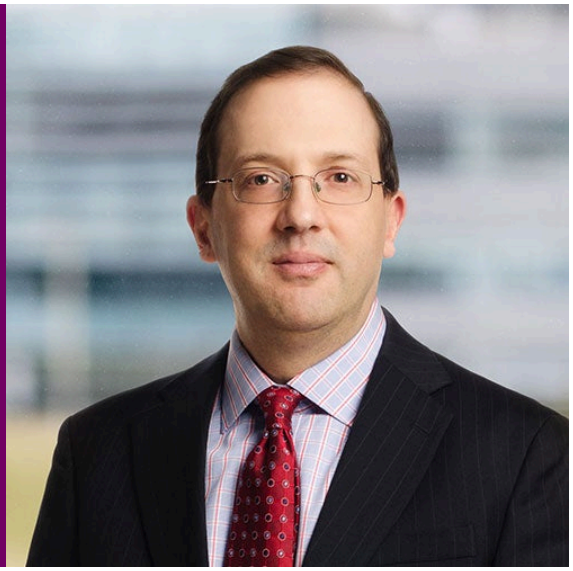

Clients rely on Angelo to handle their most complex commercial, privacy, and governance litigation matters. He helps clients achieve their objectives through creativity, focused attention to detail, and building a meticulous factual record.

OVERVIEW

Angelo is an experienced trial attorney who has handled matters in courts and before arbitration tribunals throughout the U.S. He focuses his practice on data privacy and security, consumer financial services, and higher education.

Angelo has a long track record of defending clients in class actions, litigating complex business to business disputes, and handling corporate governance disputes. He is recognized as a “Local Litigation Star” by *Benchmark Litigation* (2019-2024); by *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* for Litigation: General Commercial – Band Four; by New Jersey *Super Lawyers* (2011-2017) for business litigation; and in *Best Lawyers in America*®: Commercial Litigation (2023).

Data Privacy and Security

In the data privacy and security space, Angelo has defended clients in class actions and assisted business in disputes with other businesses and individuals involving privacy and technology issues. Some of Angelo’s more recent privacy and security engagements include:

- Serving as defense counsel in the *In re Blackbaud Customer Data Breach* multidistrict litigation, involving 29 class actions involving common law and statutory claims arising from a ransomware attack. Part of a team that successfully defeated a motion for class certification on the basis of lack of ascertainability.
- *Fausto Aguilar v. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., et al.* (C.D. Cal). Obtained dismissal with prejudice at the motion to dismiss stage of a nationwide class action filed against fourteen insurance companies and asserting claims for violations of the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) and negligence.
- *McLeod v. Bearak Reports, Inc.* (D. Mass). Obtained favorable settlement on behalf of defendants in a putative nationwide class action asserting claims for violations of the improper interception of debit card information in violation of the Electronic Communications and Privacy Act.
- *Jenkins v. Siemens Medical Solutions, USA* (Sp. Ct. D.C.). Obtained dismissal of a class action arising from an alleged data breach involving lost laptop and PHI.

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- *Chiarieri v. Exelon* (Sup. Ct. N.J.). Defended Exelon against claims arising from a breach of security on an electronic stock trading platform.
- *Singer v. TD Bank, N.A.* (Sup. Ct. N.J.). Defended national bank against claims arising from inadequate security measures associated with medallion signature guarantee programs.
- *Ubaldi v. AllianceOne Receivables Management, Inc.* (D.N.J.). Defended receivable management company in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- *Klingensmith v. Molton Brown USA Ltd.* (E.D. Pa). Defended retailer in nationwide class action alleging violations of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003.
- Successfully defended a global construction company in an FTC investigation of the company's compliance with the EU/US Privacy Shield requirements.
- Representing a data mining platform provider in a putative class action alleging claims of negligence and state law violations arising from a security incident.

Angelo is accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a Certified Information Privacy Professional / United States (CIPP/US), and currently serves as the co-chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Privacy Law Committee. *Pursuant to New Jersey Rule of Professional Conduct 7.4, the designation as a Certified Information Privacy Professional has not been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey*. Angelo also is an adjunct professor at Rider University, where he teaches a course on Cyber Ethics and Societal Impacts.

Higher Education

In the higher education space, Angelo has handled some of the firm's most high-profile litigations, including: (i) defending a university and its board of trustees in a lawsuit alleging breaches of fiduciary duty arising from a decision to change the university's tuition scholarship program; (ii) defending a university's board of trustees in an investigation into allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and corporate waste being pursued by a state attorney general; (iii) obtaining the dismissal of complaints filed by students and separately by alumni, faculty, and donors challenging a board's decision to relocate a college campus; (iv) defending a college in a wrongful death action involving allegations of hazing; (v) defending numerous educational institutions in Title IX litigations; and (vi) obtaining summary judgment dismissing a traumatic brain injury case seeking to recover $40 million in damages from a university. In addition to his trial work, Angelo routinely counsels college and university administrators on corporate governance, risk mitigation, Title IX, the Clery Act, FERPA, and student conduct matters.

Pro Bono

- Obtained a settlement the client found favorable in *Disability Rights of New Jersey, Inc. v. State of New Jersey*, Civil No. 05-4723 (AET), pursuing claims alleging the state was violating the Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C*., 527 U.S. 581 (1999) and was violating the due process rights of institutionalized individuals.
- Obtained a preliminary injunction that precluded a college and its president from violating the First Amendment rights of three student newspaper reporters, *Coppola v. Larson*, 2006 WL 2129471 (D.N.J. 2006).
- Appeared before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of two individuals seeking political asylum, *Li v. Attorney General of U.S*., 140 Fed. Appx. 361 (3d Cir. 2005) and *Miah v. Ashcroft*, 346 F.3d 434 (3d Cir. 2003).

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Commercial Litigation (2023)
- *Benchmark Litigation:* "Local Litigation Star" in Pennsylvania (2019-2021, 2023-2025)
- *Chambers USA*: Litigation: General Commercial, New Jersey (2024-2026)
- *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer (2025-2026) – independently rated lawyers
- *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (2011-2017)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Educational Institutions
- Financial Services Litigation
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Privacy + Cyber

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Consumer Financial Services
- Data + Privacy
- Educational Institutions
- Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Incidents + Investigations
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Litigation + Trial
- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Supreme Court of New Jersey, appointed to District VII Ethics Committee, (2017 – present)
- District VII Fee Arbitration Committee (2010 – 2016)
- Member, Commercial and Business Litigation Committee, American Bar Association
- Co-chair, Privacy Law Committee (2018 – present)
- Member, Class Action Committee, New Jersey Bar Association (2011 – present)
- Trustee, Mercer County Bar Association (2010 – 2016)
- Board member, Central Jersey Legal Services, Inc. (2013 – present)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, articles editor, *Legislative Law Journal; author, State Government: The Laboratory for Health Care Reform*
- Seton Hall University, M.P.A., 1991
- Seton Hall University, B.S., 1988, marketing

CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Designated as a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP); pursuant to New Jersey Rule of Professional Conduct 7.4, the certification as an information privacy professional by the IAPP has not been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey or the American Bar Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Robert Muir, Jr., New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, 1997-1998

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Issues Impacting Minors,” NetDiligence Cyber Risk Summit, May 14, 2025.
- Panelist, “Updates on Lead Generation Activities, Expanded Definition of Data Brokers, Daniel’s Law and the Slew of Resulting Litigation,” Privacy + Security Forum: Spring Academy, May 9, 2024.
- Speaker, “2022 Privacy and Cybersecurity Litigation, Legislative, and Enforcement Overview,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 2023 Health Law Institute, March 15, 2023.
- Panelist, “Multidistrict Class Actions: Consolidating Class Actions Without Conceding Certification,” Strafford Publications, Inc., September 15, 2022.
- Speaker, “GDPR – Three Years Later, The Lessons Learned and What’s to Come,” Troutman Pepper, June 24, 2021.
- Presenter, “Racial Equity and Fair Lending Standards: What You Need to Know,” OLA 2021 Compliance University, May 11, 2021.
- Speaker, “2020 Class Action Litigation Review,” Troutman Pepper Webinar, September 29, 2020.
- Moderator, “The ECJ Privacy Ruling Explained by Max Schrems and 3 Top EU & US Privacy Experts,” European American Chamber of Commerce, August 2, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “SB 690 Amended: California Moves to Strip Private Right of Action for Pen Register Claims,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, July 2, 2026.
- Co-author, “Court Upholds ‘Ordinary Course of Business’ Exception for AI Call Analytics Under ECPA,” *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, January 30, 2026.
- Co-author, “Third Circuit Provides Helpful Guidance on the “Party Exception” to Wiretap Liability and What Constitutes “Medical Information” Under the CMIA,” *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, November 24, 2025.
- Podcast, “The New Wave of Web Tracking Litigation: Wiretap Statutes, VPPA Risk, and Consent Strategies,” *The Consumer Finance Podcast*, November 13, 2025.
- Co-author, “The Northern District of California Calls on the California Legislature to Fix CIPA,” *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 31, 2025.
- Co-author, “California Privacy Protection Agency Announces Multistate Sweep Targeting GPC Compliance,” *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 12, 2025.
- Co-author, “West Virginia’s Daniel’s Law Held Facially Unconstitutional,” *Troutman Pepper Locke* and *Privacy + Cyber + AI* Blog, August 22, 2025.
- Co-author, “The Second Circuit Forecloses VPPA Claims Based on Transmission of Information Through the Meta Pixel,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, August 8, 2025.
- Co-author, “OCR’s Directive on Race-Conscious Policies in Higher Education,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 24, 2025.
- Contributor, “2024 Privacy, AI & Cybersecurity Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Co-author, “What Do We Do Now? District Court Invalidates 2024 Title IX Regulations,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 17, 2025.
- Co-author, “SCOTUS Designates Dueling Delegation Decision to Courts,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 29, 2024.
- Co-author, “Maryland Enacts the Judge Andrew F. Wilkinson Judicial Security Act: Are More Daniel’s Laws on the Horizon?,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 23, 2024.
- Co-author, “Proposed Amendments to New Jersey’s Daniel’s Law,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 16, 2024.
- Co-author, “Fourth Circuit: Institution’s Tax-Exempt Status Does Not Trigger the Applicability of Title IX’s Requirements,” *Troutman Pepper*, April 11, 2024.
- Co-author, “2023 Privacy Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper*, February 1, 2024.
- Co-author, “Inflexible Remote Work Policies Can Put Employers in a Bind,” *Law360*, August 29, 2023.
- Co-author, “Requests for Remote Work Accommodations Require Individualized Assessments,” *Troutman Pepper*, August 4, 2023.
- Co-author, “Washington Legislature Goes Big With “My Health My Data Act”,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 2, 2023.
- Co-author, “Ad Technology Compliance Tips From Video Privacy Claims,” *Law360*, October 19, 2022.
- Co-author, “Supreme Court Rules Title IX and Other Spending Clause Statutes Do Not Permit Damages for Emotional Distress,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 5, 2022.
- Co-author, “Supreme Court Finds Censure of Community College Trustee Did Not Violate First Amendment,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 29, 2022.
- Co-author, “US and Europe Issue Joint Statement Announcing Agreement on New Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework to Replace EU-US Privacy Shield,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 28, 2022.
- Co-author, “Ninth Circuit Rules University Not Liable Under Title IX for Football Player’s Off-Campus Assault,” *Troutman Pepper*, February 1, 2022.
- Co-author, “Third Circuit Rules Universities May Face Title IX Liability for Sexual Misconduct by Nonstudent Guests,” *Troutman Pepper*, January 13, 2022.
- Co-author, “The 2021 Year in Review and What to Expect in Data Security in 2022,” *DATAVERSITY*, December 29, 2021.
- Co-author, “U.K. Supreme Court Finds Data Protection Representative (*I.e.*, Class) Action Cannot Be Pursued Against Google,” *Troutman Pepper*, November 29, 2021.

- Co-author, “The Impact of Schrems II on EU and US Cloud-Based Services,” EACCNY, August 13, 2021.
- Co-author, “New Standard Contractual Clauses Supply Opportunities and Obligations for Organizations Transferring Personal Data Out of the EU,” *Troutman Pepper*, July 22, 2021.
- Co-author, “Connecticut Passes Stronger Data Breach Notification and Cybersecurity Liability Statutes,” *Troutman Pepper*, July 19, 2021.
- Co-author, “Second Circuit Clarifies Article III Standing Threshold for Data Breach Class Actions,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 13, 2021.
- Co-author, “More Privacy Please,” *Troutman Pepper*, December 2, 2020.
- Co-author, “Schrems Strikes Again: Battery of New Data Privacy Complaints Raise Compliance Questions for EU-U.S. Data Transfers,” *Pratt’s Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, November-December 2020.
- Co-author, “Schrems Strikes Again: Battery of New Data Privacy Complaints Raise Compliance Questions for EU-U.S. Data Transfers,” *Troutman Pepper*, September 2, 2020.
- Co-author, “CJEU Invalidates Privacy Shield; OKs Standard Contractual Clauses Subject to Greater Scrutiny,” *Troutman Pepper*, July 17, 2020.
- Co-author, “Enforceability of ‘Hell or High Water’ Clauses in the COVID-19 Business Environment,” *Equipment Finance Advisor*, May 6, 2020.
- Co-author, “Your Contracts in a Coronavirus World,” *MiMfg Magazine*, April 2020.
- Co-author, “COVID-19 Restrictions and Enforceability of ‘Hell or High Water’ Contract Clauses,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 27, 2020.
- Co-author, “Template Protections for Essential Businesses That Continue to Operate,” *Troutman Pepper,* March 23, 2020.
- Co-author, “COVID-19: Must Your Business Close?,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 17, 2020.
- Co-author, “Your Contracts in a Coronavirus World,” MiMfg Magazine, March 16, 2020.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “3rd Circ. Takes on NJ Judicial Privacy Law’s Constitutionality,” *Law360*, March 21, 2025.
- Mentioned, “Law360’s Legal Lions of the Week,” *Law360*, May 17, 2024.