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David guides clients as they navigate the complexities of privacy and cyber law. His straightforward advice and thorough approach are a benefit to clients as they confront their toughest challenges.

### OVERVIEW

David advises clients on existing and emerging state, federal, and international privacy, AI, and information laws and associated regulations. He works with clients throughout their life cycle, helping them understand and comply with rapidly evolving requirements, leading comprehensive responses to cybersecurity incidents, and playing a key role in transactions. *Chambers USA*, citing a client, notes that David is recognized for his ability to provide actionable guidance “in the moment” while also addressing issues that are critical for long-term planning.

David counsels clients on comprehensive U.S. state privacy laws, such as the California Consumer Privacy Act, children’s privacy and social media laws, data broker laws, biometric and health information privacy laws, AI laws and regulations, such as the Colorado AI Act, and international laws, such as the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation. He is experienced preparing for and managing all aspects of data security incidents, including managing multistate breach notifications.

David is a prolific writer and speaker on privacy and cybersecurity issues. In 2022, he was named *JD Supra’s Reader’s Choice* top author in data privacy and has since continued to rank among the top. He is a published author and frequently quoted in the press, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg Law*, *The Hill*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *CBS News*, *Cybersecurity Law Report*, *Law360*, *Security Magazine*, *Data Guidance*, *The Privacy Advisor* by IAPP, and *Corporate Counsel*.

### AWARDS

- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Emeritus Fellow, [2026](#)
- *5280 Magazine*, Denver Top Lawyer, Communications/Technology, 2025
- *Chambers and Partners*
  - Global Guide, USA, Privacy & Data Security: Privacy, 2024-2026
  - USA Nationwide, Privacy & Data Security: Privacy, 2024-2025
  - USA Nationwide, Privacy & Data Security, 2023
- *JD Supra Readers’ Choice Awards*, Top Author: Cybersecurity and Data Collection & Use, 2019; Cybersecurity, 2021; #1 Author: Data Privacy, 2022-2023; Data Privacy, 2024-2026; Artificial Intelligence, 2026

- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Media, technology and telecoms: Cyber law (including data privacy and data protection), Recommended lawyer, 2025
  - Dispute Resolution – product liability, mass tort and class action: automotive/transport, 2016-2018
- *Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer*, 2023-2026
- *Lexology Legal Influencers*, leading author for TMT – US (Q3 2025)
- *ColoradoBIZ Magazine*, “Top 25 Most Influential Young Professional” 2018

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Privacy + Cyber

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- Rutgers Law School, J.D., *with highest honors*, editor-in-chief, *Rutgers Law Journal*
- American University, B.A., *cum laude*, Golden Key National Honor Society; president, Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

### CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. James R. Zazzali, Supreme Court of New Jersey

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Update on Recent Enforcement Trends,” IAPP Global Summit 2026: Privacy | AI Governance | Cybersecurity Law, April 1, 2026.
- Speaker, “U.S. Privacy and AI Law Update: Tracking Proposed State Privacy and AI Bills,” Troutman Pepper Locke, March 3, 2026.
- Speaker, “Practical Guidance for Navigating Generative AI Ethics and Risk,” Troutman Pepper Locke, February 17, 2026.
- Speaker, “Artificial Intelligence Legal Update: Bringing Order to the Chaos,” Troutman Pepper Locke, December 10, 2025.
- Speaker, “Staying Ahead: Key Updates on State Privacy and AI Laws,” Troutman Pepper Locke, November 6, 2025.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[Alabama Enacts App Store Law](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, February 18, 2026.
- Co-author, "[California AG Announces Largest CCPA Enforcement Settlement to Date](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, February 12, 2026.
- Co-author, "[Analyzing the CCPA's New Risk Assessment Requirement](#)," *Law.com Cybersecurity Law & Strategy* newsletter, February 1, 2026. Republished on [Law.com](#), February 17, 2026.
- Podcast, "[AI, Algorithms, and Accountability: Unpacking the Colorado AI Act with Senator Rodriguez](#)," *Regulatory Oversight* Podcast, January 8, 2026.
- Co-author, "[Retrospective: 2025 in State Data Privacy Law](#)," *IAPP*, November 10, 2025.
- Co-author, "[California AG Announces Another CCPA Enforcement Action: Part 1](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, November 3, 2025.
- Co-author, "[California AI Transparency Act Amendments Signed Into Law](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 28, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Analyzing California's Digital Age Assurance Act](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 27, 2025.
- Co-author, "[California Amends Breach Notification Statute](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 14, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Colorado Attorney General's Office Finalizes Latest Colorado Privacy Act Rulemaking](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 13, 2025. Republished in *ALM's Cybersecurity Law & Strategy Newsletter* on October 31, 2025.
- Co-author, "[California Transparency in Frontier AI Act Signed Into Law](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 6, 2025.
- Co-author, "[2025 State Privacy Guide: Comparison of Rights Under US Consumer Data Privacy Laws](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 1, 2025.
- Co-author, "[CPPA Announces \\$1.35M Enforcement Action](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, October 1, 2025.
- Author, "[2025 State Privacy Guide: US State Consumer Data Privacy Laws Applicability](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 24, 2025.
- Co-author, "[New CCPA Regulations Approved](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 23, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Analyzing the 2025 Children's Privacy Laws and Regulations](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 17, 2025.
- Author, "[2025 State Privacy Guide: Categories of Sensitive Data for US State Privacy Laws](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 17, 2025.
- Co-author, "[California Privacy Protection Agency Announces Multistate Sweep Targeting GPC Compliance](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 12, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Webinar: Navigating the New CCPA Regulations: Cybersecurity Audits, Insurance, and Changes to Existing CCPA Regulations – Part 2](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, September 4, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Colorado AI Act Effective Date Delayed](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, August 27, 2025.
- Author, "[Recording and Materials Available from CCPA Regulations Webinar](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, August 26, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Colorado AI Act Amendment Bills for Special Session Released](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, August 20, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Analyzing the Proposed Amendments to the Colorado Privacy Act Rules](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, August 12, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Colorado August Special Session Will Address Colorado AI Act](#)," *Privacy + Cyber + AI*, August 6, 2025.

## MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "N.Y. Lawmakers Pass Chatbot Disclosure Requirement," *Pluribus News*, March 13, 2026.
- Quoted, "Protecting Geolocation Data Emerges as State Privacy Priority," *Bloomberg Law*, February 13, 2026.
- Quoted, "Revised Privacy Laws Cast Wider Net for Corporate Compliance," *Bloomberg Law*, December 30, 2025.
- Quoted, "Companies Turn to State-Specific Responses to Kids' Privacy Laws," *Bloomberg Law*, October 1, 2025.
- Quoted, "California Bills Near Passage: Universal Opt-Outs, Location Privacy and AI," *Privacy Daily*, August 15, 2025.
- Quoted, "Colorado Special Session to Consider Amendments to Landmark AI Law," *CPI*, August 14, 2025.
- Quoted, "Colorado AI Act Faces Potential Changes in Special Legislative Session," *IAPP*, August 13, 2025.