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OVERVIEW

Preston represents clients in complex privacy and cybersecurity matters, with a particular focus on class action litigation and compliance issues. He is particularly experienced in the financial services sector and with matters involving financial information and analytics. Preston combines operational leadership and legal acumen to guide clients through high-stakes privacy litigation with confidence and clarity. Before entering private practice, he served in the United States Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Preston served as a navigation instructor at the Littoral Combat Ship Training Facility, the navigator aboard USS Forth Worth (LCS-3), and the Main Propulsion Officer aboard USS Chafee (DDG-90).

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2025-2027)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial extern, Hon. Patrick J. Bumatay, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, January 2021-May 2021
- Judicial extern, Hon. Margaret Mann, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California, May 2019-July 2019
- Lieutenant commander, United States Navy, 2012-2021

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2021, National Transactional Law Competition Champion

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- Drexel University, B.A., 2012, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps., political science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- North Carolina

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

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