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OVERVIEW

Eric is Counsel in the Litigation Department at McDonald Hopkins and part of the firm's national Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Group. His practice focuses on advising companies in a wide variety of industries on addressing data privacy and cybersecurity incidents. This includes advising on breach response obligations, including compliance and notification to individuals and government regulators as required under state and federal breach notification laws, including HIPAA, GLBA and GDPR. Eric also represents clients in state and federal investigations that arise from data privacy incidents and provides guidance on crisis communications and management issues. He also has experience interpreting the results of forensic investigations of cybersecurity incidents, drafting and revising policies for clients (including HIPAA Risk Management Plans and Written Information Security Programs, analyzing IT managed service providers contracts, and drafting breach notification letters in compliance with applicable privacy laws.

In addition to his data privacy and cybersecurity expertise, Eric has experience representing clients in U.S. Immigration Court and at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services interviews. He has worked as a contractor for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where he focused on enhancing ICE detainees' access to attorneys and legal rights information and facilitating parental interests in the course of civil immigration enforcement activities. While in law school, Eric spent two weeks on the ground at the U.S.-Mexico border, advising asylum seekers and refugees in federal immigration detention centers.

Eric earned his J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. He completed a B.A. in politics at New York University.

He is admitted to practice law in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Practice Focus

Data privacy and cybersecurity | Healthcare | Incident response | Pre-breach services | Regulatory defense

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Credentials

EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law

New York University

ADMISSIONS – STATE

New York

Massachusetts

Connecticut

Professional & Civic

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Laredo Project volunteer

News & Insights

ALERT | MAY 22, 2024
New HHS funding program announced to develop groundbreaking hospital cybersecurity software

NEWS | MAY 22, 2024
James Giszczak and Eric Benson author ILN's Data Privacy Guide for Ohio

ARTICLE | SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
"SEC Adopts New Cybersecurity Rules for Public Companies"

BLOG POST | JULY 31, 2023
SEC adopts strict rules on incident disclosure by public companies

BLOG POST | JULY 19, 2023
Microsoft announces expansion of cloud logging to customers worldwide – for free!

BLOG POST | MAY 24, 2022
Connecticut becomes fifth state to enact comprehensive data privacy legislation

NEWS | APRIL 20, 2021
McDonald Hopkins welcomes Eric R. Benson to Litigation Department and Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Team

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT | JULY 13, 2023
Data Privacy and Cybersecurity: Incident Response Counseling

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Basics of Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Incident Response Counseling" CeriFi (Sept. 2024)