

A Perilous Patchwork: Data Privacy and Civil Liability in the Era of the Data Breach

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After a data breach, companies are often accused of having failed to adequately protect their customers' information, with that failure—so the argument goes—having led to the breach. Who brings these allegations? Many may think that they are brought by “the government.” However, there is no single agency in the United States charged with enforcing data protection. Instead, there is a patchwork of regulatory agencies that handle these issues, depending on both the nature of the company's business and the activities in which it engages.

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