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Eric routinely advises companies on privacy and data protection issues. This includes helping companies develop comprehensive privacy and security compliance programs, monitoring and analyzing developments in state, federal, and international privacy regulation, and assisting companies respond to potential data security incidents.

Eric is a corporate associate whose practice focuses on privacy counseling, data breach response, and regulatory compliance. As a key member of Winston's Regulated Personal Information (RPI) practice, Eric assists clients to create privacy and data security compliance programs from scratch as well as improving on existing practices. Eric's experience includes counseling clients on compliance with BIPA, GDPR, HIPAA, CCPA, CPRA, Red Flags Rule, CAN-SPAM, FCRA, GLBA, TCPA, and both state and federal unfair, deceptive, and abusive acts and practices laws. He is a member of the firm's Videogame, Gaming and Esports Group dedicated to providing comprehensive legal solutions to companies in these industries. Eric also devotes much of his practice to incident response and preparation, including preparing for and preventing data breaches and assisting clients evaluate and respond to threatened or actual security incidents.

Eric also regularly advises on privacy and data security matters associated with mergers, acquisitions, investments, and other significant corporate transactions. This includes handling post-closing remediation issues that implicate

privacy and security and advising portfolio companies on an ongoing basis. This also includes working with clients to negotiate large-scale commercial contracts that involve the transfer, use, or security of personal information.

Eric has also represented clients in responding to regulatory investigations brought by state and federal regulators including state attorneys general and the FTC, CFTC, SEC, OCR, and PCAOB. He has worked on appeals in both federal and state courts, drafted and argued dispositive motions, and conducted internal investigations. Eric recently succeeded in overturning a pro bono client's public housing eviction before an Illinois appellate court and in obtaining a grant of asylum for a pro bono client before an immigration court.

Recent Experience

Motorola Solutions Acquires Silent Sentinel

Winston Represented MCE Holdings in its Acquisition of Piedmont Electric Motor Repair

Winston Represented Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in its Acquisition of The Rowley Agency

Represented The Honey Pot Company Holdings, LLC, a leading better-for-you feminine care brand, in the sale of a controlling stake in the business to Compass Diversified (...)

Veradigm Acquisition of Koha Health

Academic Partnerships, LLC acquisition of Wiley University Services from John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.'s Acquisition of Cadence Insurance, Inc.

Frontenac Acquisition of Integrated Openings Solutions

Winston Represented MCE Holdings in Its Acquisition of Applied Industrial Controls and Engineered Systems Group

ISG Enterprises Acquisition of Rose

Recognitions

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2024
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America, Commercial Litigation, 2023–2024
- Listed as a “Key Lawyer”, *The Legal 500 US*, Cyber Law, 2021

Activities

Eric is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US certificate).

Before joining Winston, Eric completed a fellowship with the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI), where he worked with the National Immigration Justice Center, an organization that provides free legal services to impoverished immigrants and asylum seekers. At Chicago-Kent, Eric was the CALI Award Recipient for Legal Writing, Labor Law, and Labor and Employment Externship, and on first place overall and best brief in the 2014 McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Competition.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Eric received his B.S. in Political Science/Systems from Taylor University in 2009, and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2015. While at Chicago-Kent, Eric served as the Executive Articles Editor of the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and was an active member of the Chicago-Kent Moot Court Honor Society.

Before law school, Eric worked as a data analyst for McLean Bible Church, and was a legislative correspondent with the Office of Congressman Mark Souder.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Related Insights & News

PUBLICATIONS

- ["COVID-19: Sharing Health Data in the US and Canada,"](#) Lexology PRO Compliance, May 1, 2020
- "Biometric Privacy Litigation: The Next Class Action Battleground," Bloomberg BNA Class Action Litigation Report, Co-author, Jan. 2018
- "Back to the Future: How Illinois' Legalization of Same-Sex Relationships Retroactively Affects Marital Property Rights," *90 Chi.-Kent L. Rev.* 335, 2015.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Privacy and Cybersecurity 101: Best Practices for Corporate Counsel to Protect Their Companies in 2024," Texas General Counsel Forum Virtual CLE Program, Panelist, Dec. 7, 2023
- ["Cybersecurity 101: Best Practices for Attorneys to Protect Their Companies and Clients \(And Themselves\) in 2023,"](#) Winston & Strawn Hybrid Program, Panelist, Sept. 20, 2023
- "The Important Role Legal Plays in an Era of Growing Data Risks (Privacy, Cyber, Litigation): Key Findings from the 2023 ACC CLO Report," ACC Houston 2023 Annual Symposium, Panelist, Aug. 17, 2023

SEMINAR/CLE

Winston Hosts 2024 Financial Services Symposium in Charlotte
JANUARY 24, 2024

SEMINAR/CLE

2023 Health Care & Life Sciences Summit
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

WEBINAR

Cybersecurity 101: Best Practices for Attorneys to Protect Their Companies and Clients (And Themselves) in 2023
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America 2024*

AUGUST 17, 2023

NEWS

2022 Pro Bono Impact Report

MAY 1, 2023

BLOG

Illinois Supreme Court Decision in White Castle Leaves Plaintiffs' Bar With All-You-Can-Eat Biometric Buffet

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2023*

AUGUST 18, 2022

BLOG

Year in Review: Top 10 Privacy Impacts of 2021

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S. 2021*

JUNE 10, 2021

BLOG

Virginia Passes Broad Data Privacy Law

MARCH 3, 2021

BLOG

2020 Privacy Law Year in Review

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

WEBINAR

Top 10 Privacy Impacts of 2020 & What to Watch for in 2021

JANUARY 28, 2021

Capabilities

Litigation/Trials

Privacy & Data Security

Privacy: Regulated Personal Information (RPI)

Health Care