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Practice Focus

- Data privacy and cybersecurity
- Breach coaching and incident notification
- Proactive measures and breach prevention
- Regulatory investigations and government response
- Data privacy litigation
- Healthcare
- Colleges and universities

Dominic is co-chair of the firm’s national Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Group. He advises organizations on data privacy and cybersecurity risks on both a national and international basis, including proactive compliance, incident response strategies and management, and defense of regulatory enforcement actions and single-plaintiff and class action litigation. Dominic has counseled clients through over 5,000 data breaches and privacy incidents where he works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement, forensic investigators and third-party cybersecurity vendors to offer his clients efficient and effective breach response services in compliance with the numerous state, federal, international and industry-specific legal obligations. Dominic has significant experience defending organizations in third-party and regulatory enforcement actions arising out of a data breach. He also focuses his practice on proactively protecting clients’ personal, sensitive and confidential information and minimizing the risk of a data privacy incident. He has conducted more than 350 breach response workshops and training sessions for organizations and their risk management teams, and helps clients with the development of their written information security programs and incident response plans. In recognition of his efforts in this area, Michigan Lawyers Weekly honored Dominic as one of 30 lawyers selected as the “Leaders in the Law” Class of 2020. Dominic was also named to Cybersecurity Docket’s Incident Response 30 in 2016 and 2018, a list of the “best and brightest” data breach response attorneys and compliance professionals in the industry. Dominic and his team were also named a finalist for Advisen’s 2017 and 2018 Cyber Risk Awards for Cyber Law Firm of the Year and Advisen’s 2015 Cyber Risk Awards in the Cyber Risk Pre-Breach Team of the Year category.

His work in this area covers a multitude of industries, including, higher education, healthcare, hospitality, retail, automotive, utilities, accounting, financial services, banking, law, information technology, staffing services, manufacturing, food services, professional services, franchises, non-profits, real estate, drug and pharmacy, municipalities, public entities and insurance. Dominic is also a frequent speaker and writer on data privacy law. If you suspect that your organization has suffered a data breach, call our 24/7 Hotline: 855-MH-DATA1 (855-643-2821)..

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Dominic earned a J.D./M.B.A., cum laude, from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2007. He received a B.S.A., summa cum laude, from University of Detroit Mercy in 2004.

Admissions - Court

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Admissions - State

- Michigan

Education

- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
- University of Detroit Mercy

Honors and Awards

- Michigan Lawyers Weekly Leaders in the Law, Class of 2020
- Cybersecurity Docket's Incident Response 30 (2016, 2018)
- Selected for inclusion in *Michigan Rising Stars* (2013-2021)
- Jason Long Editing Award, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review
- Wall Street Journal Award, University of Detroit Mercy College of Business Administration
- Selected to Cybersecurity Docket's Incident Response 40 for 2022

Professional Membership

- State Bar of Michigan
- American Bar Association
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Italian-American Bar Association
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Beta Gamma Sigma

Public Service and Volunteerism

- St. John Hospital and Medical Center Guild (Board of Directors)
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Alumni Association (Board of Directors)
- University of Detroit Mercy College of Business Administration Alumni Association (Board of Directors)

Alerts

- Federal government issues new cybersecurity incident reporting rule for banks and bank service providers
- Businesses urged to take action to protect against the growing threat of ransomware
- Potential imminent cyber threat to hospitals and healthcare providers

- Joint alert issued on exploitation of COVID-19 by malicious cyber actors
- 9 tips for keeping your workforce CyberSavvy while working from home
- Cybercriminals exploit coronavirus fears
- New Jersey revises data breach law, expands definition of personal information to include online account information
- Washington overhauls data breach law
- March 1 deadline approaching to submit data breach reports
- Supreme Court of Illinois holds no actual injury is required to state a claim under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act
- Federal breach notification law now in effect in Canada
- Big changes coming for post-data breach protections
- 50 out of 50: Every state in US now has a breach notification law
- Best practices for data privacy and cybersecurity employee awareness training
- OCR's HIPAA breach "wall of shame" breaks 2,000
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- OCR issues guidance on cyber threat reporting and monitoring
- March 1 deadline approaching to submit breach reports
- Who is a HIPAA business associate?
- OCR to step up investigations of small HIPAA breaches
- EU-U.S. Privacy Shield formally adopted, set to launch Aug. 1 for U.S. businesses
- Illinois toughens up on privacy by bolstering its breach notification law
- Phase 2 HIPAA audits are coming
- HIPAA enforcement heats up with two more settlements
- EU and US agree to Privacy Shield to replace the Safe Harbor
- OCR strikes again with 3 recent HIPAA settlements
- Finally, EU officials agree on new data protection reform
- Recent HIPAA settlement reinforces importance of encryption, risk analysis, and mobile device security
- Merchants beware: You could be on the hook for the next data breach
- Threat of identity theft is enough for your consumers to sue
- Communications with your cybersecurity consultant and forensic reports may now be protected
- President Obama Signs Executive Order Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Hackers
- Decoding the new payment card security standard
- Who will fight against cyber crime?
- March 1 deadline approaching for HIPAA covered entities to submit breach reports
- Anthem's two small details that led to one big breach
- International hacking ring executes \$1 billion banking breach
- White House announces new cyber threat agency
- Cybersecurity breach rocks Anthem
- Significant data breach class action ruling
- What if the Personal Data Notification & Protection Act Passes?
- ISIS hacks U.S. military social media accounts
- President Obama's new data privacy agenda

Blog Posts

- OFAC sanctions necessitate improved cybersecurity preparedness and an experienced incident response team
- Vermont amends data breach notification statute
- Washington DC expanding data breach notification law
- 10 ways to stay CyberSavvy while employees return to work
- Coronavirus relief funds mistakenly being direct deposited to cybercriminals
- OCR announces penalty waivers for telehealth COVID-19 emergency and other treatment
- Cybersecurity and data privacy trends to expect in 2020
- Top 3 cybersecurity trends of 2019
- New data privacy laws broaden protections for NY residents and impose major obligations on organizations
- Amid storm of cyber attacks, Louisiana governor declares state of emergency
- Important changes coming to Massachusetts' breach notice law
- Google fined millions for alleged GDPR violations
- New data privacy laws continue to change the landscape for compliance
- Act promptly to address HIPAA violations
- Reminder: March 1 deadline to submit breach reports
- Michigan State University confirms data breach of server containing 400K records
- Yahoo-oops! At least 500M user accounts compromised
- Pass or fail? Data privacy and cybersecurity risks in higher education
- EU privacy regulators offer dubious endorsement of Privacy Shield
- 5 ways US companies can prepare for the Privacy Shield
- It's Data Privacy Day: Time to protect your digital footprint
- 5.6 million fingerprints compromised in OPM breach – you can't change your fingerprint!
- Live from IAPP Global Privacy Summit in D.C.: FTC Weighs in on Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights
- Happy Data Privacy Day 2015!
- Sony CEO and Secretary Shared 'TMI'

News

- Dominic Paluzzi selected to Cybersecurity Docket's Incident Response 40
- McDonald Hopkins attorneys selected to 2021 Michigan Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- Cyber Master Class presented by MCPc and McDonald Hopkins
- Nine McDonald Hopkins attorneys recognized as Michigan Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- McDonald Hopkins nominated again for Cyber Law Firm of the Year
- Dominic Paluzzi honored among MiLW Leaders in the Law for 2020
- "Cybersecurity trends 2020"
- "Microsoft Office 365 packs strong cyber defense features — if set up correctly"
- Cybersecurity and data privacy attorney Dominic Paluzzi named to Cybersecurity Docket's 2018 Incident Response 30
- McDonald Hopkins nominated for Cyber Law Firm of the Year
- McDonald Hopkins to examine GDPR's impact on American businesses

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- Eleven attorneys at McDonald Hopkins honored as Michigan Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- McDonald Hopkins named a finalist for Advisen's 2017 Cyber Risk Awards
- "5 data breach predictions for 2017"
- "What will the data breach landscape look like in 2017?"
- Shawn M. Riley becomes president of McDonald Hopkins
- Dominic Paluzzi named to Cybersecurity Docket's Incident Response 30
- Data privacy and cybersecurity attorney Dominic A. Paluzzi elected Member at McDonald Hopkins
- Twelve attorneys at McDonald Hopkins honored as Michigan Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- McDonald Hopkins Named a Finalist for Advisen's 2015 Cyber Risk Awards

External Publications

- "Look for These Cyber Regulatory Trends in 2022," NetDiligence, March 18, 2022.
- "The Ultimate Guide to Vendor Data Breach Response," Whitepaper, Corvus Insurance Holdings, Inc., August 2020
- "A Different Kettle of Phish: Protecting against Email Impersonation and Spoofing During COVID-19," Travelers: Tips from the Bar, June 2020
- "Medical devices open Pandora's box of cyber risks," quoted in Business Insurance, October 9, 2018
- Co-Author of the Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Blog @ the online business community—Business Advocate
- "Digging Into the President's Data Breach Notification Bill," JUNTO Blog, March 10, 2015
- "President Obama's New Personal Data Notification & Protection Act: Overview, Analysis, and Challenges," ID Experts Webinar Q&A, February 12, 2015
- "Florida toughens breach notice law," quoted in Data Breach Today, June 27, 2014
- "Data Privacy: Protecting PEO Assets, Data, and Client Information," PEO Insider, August 2013
- "Aloha! Uh oh! Data Breach in Hawaii after Physician's Computer is Stolen on Vacation," RBMA Monthly Legal Update Digest April 2013
- "Risky Business: Sharing Health Data while Protecting Privacy," Trafford Publishing, 2013
- "HITECH Final Rule Revises Privacy, Security and Breach Notification Rules," Northern Ohio Physician – Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio, March/April 2013
- "Anatomy of a Data Breach: A 3 Part Series – Part 3: Immediate Action Items Upon a Data Breach," Risky Business – The Privacy Analytics Newsletter, August 2012
- "How to minimize the risk of, or respond to, a data breach," Smart Business Magazine, August 2012
- "Data Breach at Your Laboratory? Immediate Action Items! How to Deal with a PHI Violation," G2 Intelligence Compliance Report – Perspectives, July-August 2012
- "Anatomy of a Data Breach: A 3 Part Series – Part 2: Proactive Measures and Requirements to Minimize the Risk of a Data Breach," Risky Business – The Privacy Analytics Newsletter, June 2012
- "Data Breach? Immediate Action Items!," PEO Insider, April 2012
- "Anatomy of a Data Breach: A 3 Part Series – Part 1: Data Privacy Regulations, Penalties and Statistics," Risky Business – The Privacy Analytics Newsletter, March 2012
- "3 New state data breach notifications statutes and expiration of a grandfather clause in 2012," RBMA Monthly Legal Update Digest, March 2012
- "Attorneys General and FTC continue to increase legal standards for data privacy compliance and penalties"

for noncompliance," RBMA Monthly Legal Update Digest November 2011

- "OESA North American OEM Production P.O. Terms and Conditions Comparative Analysis," co-author, September 2008, 2009
- "Trade Secrets and Agreements Not to Compete," co-author, Michigan Chapter, Defense Research Institute (DRI), Winter 2008
- *Beard v. Whitmore Lake School District*, 84 U. DET. MERCY L. REV. 15, Fall 2006

Speaking Engagements

- Look for These Cyber Regulatory Trends in 2022, NetDiligence | March 18, 2022.
- Cybersecurity Webinar Series: Calming the Chaos of an IT Vendor Breach | October 13, 2020
- "COVID-19 Complications: Cyber and Litigation Preparedness," Avalon Webinar, May 13, 2020
- "Be Ready for the Billion Dollar Scam," ePlace Solutions Webinar, October 29, 2019
- "Data Breach Response: Before and After the Breach," Financial Poise Cybersecurity & Data Privacy 2018 Webinar Series, December 17, 2018
- "Legal and Security Solutions," NetDiligence Cyber Risk Summit, June 12, 2018
- Incident Response Forum 2018, April 18, 2018
- Educational Institutions Risk Management Day, August 17, 2017
- Third Party Risk and Auditing in Today's Cybersecurity Environment," May 25, 2017
- 2017 MPL Leadership Conference, "Cyber Panel: Are You Ready For An Attack?," March 9, 2017
- "Corporate Governance Developments," 20th Annual Donnelley Financial Solutions SEC Hot Topics Institute, November 17, 2016
- Understanding Risk Assessments: Key issues in managing data privacy risk and implementing measures to combat security threats, November 15, 2016
- Cyber 2.0 - Demystifying the Coverage and Coverage Triggers of Cyber/Crime Coverage, October 11, 2016
- "Attorney/Client Privilege Issues Arising out of Breach Notification: Attorneys' Ethical Duties When Clients Seek Advice During a Breach, Examining the Communication That is Considered Privileged, and Determining Whether Forensic Reports Should be Turned Over," 2nd National Forum on Data Breach & Privacy Litigation and Enforcement, September 2016
- "Attorney/Client Privilege Issues Arising out of Breach Notification: Attorney's Ethical Duties When Clients Seek Advice During a Breach, Examining the Communication That is Considered Privileged and Determining Whether Forensic Reports Should be Turned Over," American Conference Institute's Data Breach and Privacy Litigation and Enforcement Conference, March 18, 2016
- "Public Entity Cybersecurity Risks," IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights conference, January 29, 2016
- "Cybersecurity: Protecting Your Information, Assets, & Officers," Clear Law Institute webinar, October 28, 2015
- "Tales from the Crypt XIV: The Anatomy of a Data Breach," Worldwide Employee Benefits Network, October 22, 2015
- "Tabletop Exercise on Different Breach Scenarios and With Various Departments (IT, Security, Privacy Officers, CIO)," American Conference Institute's 11th National Advanced Forum on Cyber & Data Risk Insurance, September 30, 2015
- "Handling a Cyber Incident from Beginning to End," Assurex Loss Control & Claims Seminar, September 22,

2015

- “Cyber Security, Defenses and Handling a Cyber Incident,” Assurex E&O Plus Quality Management Seminar, September 22, 2015
- “Lessons from the Anthem Breach - What PEOs Need to Know and Need to Do with Respect to their Health Plans and 401(k)s,” NAPEO’s 2015 Annual Conference & Marketplace, September 12, 2015
- “How Cyber Liability Can Jump Up & Bite You!,” Assurex Global Financial Management Conference, June 26, 2015
- “The Evolving Liabilities of Healthcare Cyber, Privacy & Security Risks,” Connecticut Orthopaedic Society, June 16, 2015
- “Do you have appropriate data privacy policies and a response plan in place? Will the regulators and the courts agree?,” Third Annual Michigan Cyber Range Cybersecurity Conference, May 12, 2015
- “How to Properly Respond to a Data Breach and Regulatory Investigation,” Third Annual Michigan Cyber Range Cybersecurity Conference, May 12, 2015
- “Exercising Your Data Breach Response Plan,” RIMS 2015 Annual Conference, April 28, 2015
- “The Latest Legal and Financial Implications of Today’s Cyber Risks for US Organizations,” New England Association for Financial Professionals Annual Conference, April 16, 2015
- "A Pound of Cure: Strategies for Preventing and Responding to Data Breaches, Part 2," webinar with Epiq Systems, March 31, 2015
- "An Ounce of Prevention: Preparing for a New Era of Data Breaches, Part 1," webinar with Epiq Systems, March 24, 2015
- "Cybersecurity: Crimes & Consequences," University of Detroit Mercy College of Business Administration Alumni Week, March 17, 2015
- "President Obama’s New Personal Data Notification & Protection Act," webinar with ID Experts, February 12, 2015
- "Data Breaches: From Prevention to Reaction," The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), December 8, 2014
- "Yes, it CAN happen to you! Are you prepared?," webinar with Enterprise Risk Management, November 14, 2014
- “Establishing a Perimeter – Data Privacy & Security in Practice,” The American Pathology Foundation, October 30, 2014
- “Managing Public Entity Cyber Risk Exposure,” National League of Cities Risk Information Sharing Consortium Staff Conference, October 21, 2014
- "Emerging Regulatory and Enforcement Activities and the Growing Authority of the State AG Offices," American Conference Institute's 9th National Advanced Forum on Cyber & Data Risk Insurance, September 29, 2014
- "Data Privacy: Legal Risks, Mitigation, Response and the Impact of the New Florida Information Protection Act," Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals South Florida Chapter, August 21, 2014
- "Mobile Technology, Health Care, and Data Security: Minimizing the Risks and Leveraging the Benefits," The American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education, Webinar, June 26, 2014
- "Small entity cyber liability," NetDiligence Cyber Risk & Privacy Liability Forum, June 12, 2014
- "Data Security Breaches and Why HR Professionals Should Care," American Society of Employers' Selected Insights Series, May 9, 2014
- Breach Response Workshops to Insureds, October 2010-present

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- "Cyber Risk Seminar: The Maze of Legal Requirements," January 2013
- "Data Breach Planning & Response Basics," Webinar, November 2012
- "Privacy and Security: What You Need to Know to Keep Your Company Safe," Privacy and Security Seminar, November 2012
- "Data Privacy & Security: Why It's the New Top Concern for Directors and General Counsel," presentation for Fortune 100 Company, September 2012
- "The Ignored Security Crisis," February 2012
- "Cyber and Privacy Liability," Seminar, November 2011
- "Data Privacy and Security – Limit Exposure and Penalties," Seminar, September 2011
- "Anatomy of a Data Breach," McDonald Hopkins presentation to insureds, July-September 2011
- "Take a Smarter Approach to Securing your Data," McDonald Hopkins, TouchWorld and IBM Data Privacy Seminar, March 2011
- "Administering New Severance Agreements," September 2009
- "Administering New Restrictive Agreements," June 2009