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Practice Focus

- Data privacy and cybersecurity
- Breach coaching and incident notification
- Regulatory investigations and government response
- Immigration

Eric is an Associate 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.

Admissions - State

- New York
- Massachusetts
- Connecticut

Public Service and Volunteerism

- Laredo Project volunteer

Blog Posts

- Connecticut becomes fifth state to enact comprehensive data privacy legislation

News

- McDonald Hopkins welcomes Eric R. Benson to Litigation Department and Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Team