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Practice Focus

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

Spencer is a Member of the national Data Privacy and Cybersecurity team at McDonald Hopkins with experience handling hundreds of cyber incidents and data breaches and an 85% win-rate as lead counsel on over 50 civil defense jury trial. Spencer is a recognized leader in the data privacy and cybersecurity legal community and a frequent speaker and guest on numerous television and radio shows, and podcasts, and hosts the “Cyber Law Revolution” podcast.

Organizations with a plan in place for an attack and a response team that has practiced the plan save on average \$1.23 million. With no standards (nationally or internationally) for data security, cybersecurity, and privacy laws, organizations need help to avoid financial, legal, and reputational risks. Spencer provides his clients proactive guidance and helps them prepare for data breaches by writing and implementing policies to comply with state, federal, and international data security and cybersecurity laws. He also provides training to C-Suite leaders and employees on data security and cybersecurity and performs vendor vetting and due diligence as required by law. His practice includes helping clients respond to data breaches, cyber attacks, ransomware incidents and business email compromise situations, including coordinating vendors to assist in remediation, identifying applicable cyber laws and notification requirements, law enforcement liaising, messaging and public communications surrounding the incident, and responding to regulators.

Spencer earned his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He completed his B.A. at the Sewanee: University of the South.

Admissions - Court

- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

Admissions - State

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law
- Sewanee: University of the South

Honors and Awards

- Maryland Super Lawyers – Business Litigation (2020 – present)

Professional Membership

- Maryland State Bar Association
- International Association of Privacy Professionals

Public Service and Volunteerism

- Student Support Network – Board Member

Accreditation

- Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US)
- Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM)
- Certified Mediator

Blog Posts

- North Carolina bans state entities from negotiating with hackers - and other states may follow

News

- Spencer Pollock quoted in The American Lawyer article: "For Small and Midsize Firms, Threats of Data Breaches Loom Large"
- Spencer Pollock discusses growing threat of cyber attacks on CBS-Baltimore WJZ TV-13
- McDonald Hopkins announces expansion into Baltimore with additions of Pollock and Campbell to national Data Privacy and Cybersecurity team

Events

- NetDiligence Cyber Risk Summit Philadelphia | Friday, June 3, 2022
- ABA Tips Section Conference – Nextgen Privacy: Going Above and Beyond PHI and PII Cybersecurity and Data Privacy | Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Speaking Engagements

Spencer C Pollock

- Host of the “Cyber Law Revolution” podcast.
- TV Commenter, April 2021 WJZ CBS Baltimore
- TV Commenter, December 2020 WJZ CBS Baltimore
- TV Commenter, November 2020 WJZ CBS Baltimore
- TV Commentator, March 2020 WBAL News Now With Bryan Nehman
- TV Commentator, March 2020 WJZ CBS Baltimore
- TV Commentator, January 2020 Fox 45 Morning Show
- Radio Commentator, January 2020 Stevie Bridgewater’s Public Affairs Show
- Radio Commentator, October 2019 The Brett Hollander Podcast
- Panelists, November 2021 National Association of Financial Professionals
- Panelists, November 2021 Mid-Atlantic Association for Financial Professionals
- Speaker, November 2021 the Cyber Nation Call
- Panelists, October 2021 Rhode Island CPCU
- Panelists, July 2021 California Surplus Insurance Association
- Speaker, May 2021 Cybersecurity Legal Compliance for Design Professionals
- Panelist, May 2021 Central Illinois CPCU Chapter
- Panelist, April 2021 Association of Financial Professional, Atlanta Chapter
- Panelist, April 2021 Bermuda CPCU Chapter
- Panelist, March 2021 Mortgage Bankers Association of Metropolitan Washington
- Speaker, March 2021 Philadelphia CPCU Chapter
- Speaker, March 2021 The Successful Nonprofits Show
- Speaker, November 2020 Sell Like a CPCU
- Panelist, September 2020 Mid-Atlantic Association for Financial Professionals
- Speaker, August 2020 Half-Moon Seminars
- Speaker, May 2020 UnitedWay
- Speaker, April 2020 Mortgage Bankers Association of Metropolitan Washington
- Speaker, April 2020 Halfmoon Seminars
- Panelist, February 2020 Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP
- Speaker, January 2020 Treasurers’ Roundtable
- Speaker, November 2019 Mid-Atlantic Association for Financial Professionals
- Speaker, April 2019 Cyber Security Seminar