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## *Cybersecurity and Privacy*

We help companies protect data, comply with evolving regulations, and respond to investigations and litigation.

We represent sophisticated, high-profile clients on a wide range of challenges—from routine matters to cutting-edge issues where the law is unclear and the enforcement risks are high. Our internationally recognized team, composed of lawyers from different practice areas and offices, possesses a mix of counseling, regulatory, litigation, enforcement and transactional knowledge.

Our clients include leading companies in nearly every industry—technology companies, financial institutions, media companies, government contractors, healthcare companies, retailers, manufacturers, online service providers, social networks, e-commerce companies and many others. This diversity gives us a broad perspective and enables us to spot and address unique and complex issues. Our practice also leverages WilmerHale’s renowned capabilities in dealing with sector-specific regulatory authorities at the state, federal and international levels. We regularly engage with regulators that—with increasing vigor—are exercising oversight and enforcement powers on the privacy, cybersecurity and communications practices of the companies under their jurisdiction.

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## *Related Solutions*

Artificial Intelligence

Europe, Middle East and Africa  
(EMEA)

State Attorneys General

Consumer Protection Defense  
and Compliance

Investigations

Technology

Crisis Management and  
Strategic Response

Litigation

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## *Areas of Focus*

Consumer Data Protection

Government Contract  
Investigations

Data Security

Cybersecurity and Privacy  
Litigation

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## Experience

For one of the world's largest technology companies, we handled an extensive Federal Trade Commission investigation of its data security practices related to development of consumer software.

We assisted a US corporation with breach notification obligations in connection with its contractor's improper disclosure of retiree health information.

We helped a large equipment manufacturer with all stages of a worldwide roll-out of a new content-streaming device and software, from designing product features to drafting country-specific consumer privacy notices.

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## Recognition

- *Global Data Review* named WilmerHale to the Elite category of the GDR 100, a global ranking of the top privacy and data law firms, in 2021-2022. WilmerHale was also ranked third in investigations in 2022.
- *The Legal 500 Deutschland*, Germany's guide to outstanding lawyers, has ranked WilmerHale among the top firms in the area of data protection. In addition, Hans-George Kamann was named among the top lawyers in the field, while Martin Braun was recognized as a "Leading Lawyer."
- *The Legal 500 United States* recognized our group in the 2019–2023 editions for cyber law, including data privacy and protection. We were also recognized in the 2015 edition of its annual guidebook in the technology: data protection and privacy, and telecoms and broadcast: regulatory categories. Benjamin Powell has been individually recognized in recent editions as a Leading Lawyer in the data protection and privacy space.
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers in Business* recognized WilmerHale as a nationwide leader in privacy and data security. In addition, Kirk Nahra and Benjamin Powell have both been individually recognized as leaders in privacy and data security in general, and healthcare and incident response security respectively.
- *Chambers Global* recognized WilmerHale as a leading law firm in the area of privacy and data security in the United States and globally in its 2020–2024 editions. In addition, Kirk Nahra and Benjamin Powell were individually recognized for their privacy and data security practices in the 2020–2024 editions.
- *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* Best Law Firms list ranked our privacy and data security law practice in the first tier in Washington DC in 2024. Past editions have also recognized our advertising law and general communications law practices.