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Kathryn M. Rattigan advises clients on data privacy and security, cybersecurity, and compliance with related state and federal laws. She assists clients in assessing risks related to technology and software contracts, as well as with compliance-related issues with outsourcing and vendor management. She represents clients across all industries, such as manufacturing, insurance, health care, education, energy, and construction. Kathryn is a member of our Business Litigation group, Data Privacy + Cybersecurity team and Artificial Intelligence team and is co-chair of the firm's Women's Committee. Kathryn has presented around the country on data privacy and cybersecurity, and she writes extensively on these topics, including for the firm's *Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Insider* blog. The widely recognized *Insider* blog has received multiple Readers' Choice Awards distinction from JD Supra.

Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Compliance

As a Certified Information Privacy Professional, Kathryn helps clients comply with all state and federal regulations related to data privacy and cybersecurity. She counsels clients facing government investigations over alleged non-compliance. She advises clients on the development of privacy and security plans, and how to best handle high-risk data to avoid breaches and cyber intrusions. Kathryn helps clients review, revise, and implement necessary policies and procedures under the California Consumer Privacy Act and other state consumer protection laws, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and other federal and state laws and regulations. She assists businesses and organizations with measures to protect the security and confidentiality of personal and sensitive information, as well as proprietary data and intellectual property. Kathryn assists with the development of website and mobile app privacy policies and terms and conditions of use, as well as assessing risk with website tracking and pixel technology. She also assists clients in the negotiation of technology and software contracts to reduce risk and ensure that third-party vendors implement appropriate, and required, privacy and security safeguards and processes. Kathryn also collaborates with clients' business teams and third-party consultants in negotiating these vendor contracts.

Information Governance + Record Management

Kathryn assists clients in building a strong foundation for their information governance program to drive efficiency and reduce risk related to unnecessary data and information storage. She assists clients with data mapping and classification, retention and destruction policy development and implementation, vendor management, data privacy and security compliance programs, training and ongoing support, and maintenance of information governance initiatives. The team has been recognized as a Verified Organization by ARMA International.

Artificial Intelligence Governance + Compliance

Kathryn advises clients developing AI governance programs, evaluating AI tools, negotiating AI vendor contracts, and implementation of AI platforms (such as Co-Pilot). She assists businesses with mapping of their organization's AI use, preparation of policies and procedures, including acceptable use, adopting a methodology to comply with applicable laws for

AI software and algorithm development, creating a cross-functional governance committee, updating employee handbooks and codes of conduct, training, risk assessments, and state and federal law surveys such that clients stay apprised of this ever-changing space.

Unmanned Aerial Systems + FAA Compliance

Kathryn advises clients on all legal issues surrounding the use of commercial drones, including navigation of Federal Aviation Administration regulations, commercial registration requirements, and Part 107 waivers. She reviews and prepares employee and subcontractor agreements for the piloting and use of drones. She advises commercial businesses on insurance options for adequate coverage for drone use. Kathryn is well-versed on various local and state laws, regulations, and ordinances which apply to a business' drone use. She assists clients with privacy and cybersecurity policies, procedures and programs to mirror the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's voluntary best practices, as well as other industry standards. Kathryn also handles drone-related litigation, such as claims involving manufacturing defects, personal injury, or property damage. She has given numerous presentations about implementing UAS into company infrastructure and privacy and cybersecurity issues related to drone use.

HIPAA Compliance

Kathryn counsels clients on HIPAA compliance, including assisting with employee training, and providing guidance on the implementation of required and recommended Privacy Rule and Security Rule policies and procedures.

Security Incident + Data Breach Preparedness + Emergency Response

Kathryn provides clients with the information needed to effectively handle potential and confirmed data breaches and cyber-attacks, including insight into state and federal regulations and requirements. If a client suffers a data breach, she assists with the follow-up response, including notification, remediation, and litigation.

Privacy + Class Action Litigation + Enforcement

If a data breach, cybersecurity issue, or consumer privacy rights complaint results in litigation or an enforcement action, Kathryn represents clients in court and before government regulatory agencies. This includes assisting clients with matters related to unauthorized access, use or disclosure of health, financial, or personal information, consumer privacy rights violations under state laws like the California Consumer Privacy Rights Act and the Connecticut Data Privacy Act, and website tracking claims under state and federal wiretap statutes.

Pro Bono + Community Involvement

Kathryn is committed to doing pro bono work and being involved in the community. Her recent efforts include assisting Wellbeing Action for Youth, a non-profit which works to help students focus and succeed through mindfulness practice in the classroom, and College Visions, which helps low-income students pursue a college education.

She writes for two of our firm's blogs, [Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Insider](#) and [Health Law Diagnosis](#).

Services

- Data Privacy + Cybersecurity
- Business Litigation + Dispute Resolution
- Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Litigation
- Information Governance + Record Management
- Artificial Intelligence
- Website Compliance Law

Industries

- Manufacturing
- Education
- Coastal + Offshore Resources
- Construction
- Technology
- Food + Beverage

Education

- Roger Williams University School of Law (Juris Doctor)
- Stonehill College (Bachelors, *magna cum laude*)
 - B.A.

Admissions

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- State of Rhode Island
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

Recognitions

Recognized as part of *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly's* 2025 Excellence in the Law awards

Recognized as a Woman to watch as part of the *Providence Business News* 2025 Business Women Awards

Recognized as a 2021 Up and Coming Lawyer by *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*

Recognized as a 2020 "40 Under Forty" winner by *Providence Business News*

Recognized as a 2020 *National Law Review* Go-To Thought Leader in the area of Cybersecurity Law

JD Supra *Readers' Choice* Top Author in the area of Cybersecurity from 2022 to 2026

2021 JD Supra *Readers' Choice* Top Author in the areas of Cybersecurity and Transportation

2020 JD Supra *Readers' Choice* Top Author in the areas of Airlines / Aviation and Cybersecurity

2018 and 2019 JD Supra *Readers' Choice* Top Author and the #1 author in Airlines/Aviation

2017 JD Supra *Readers' Choice Awards* Top Author with readers in the Aviation industry, on the subject of Class Actions, as well as the #1 author on the topic of Drones

2016 JD Supra *Reader's Choice Award* Top Author in Airline and Aviation Industry

Selected as a Rising Star in the Rhode Island *Super Lawyers* list from 2018 to 2025

Certified Information Privacy Professional/US (CIPP/US) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)

Selected by her peers for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* in the area of Privacy and Data Security since 2023

Recognized as a New Leader in the Law as part of Law.com and *Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2023 New England Legal Awards

Robinson+Cole Wellbeing Award Recipient, 2023

Leadership + Memberships

Stonehill College

President's Advisory Council

Board of Fellows

International Association of Privacy Professionals

Certified Information Privacy Professional, U.S.

Massachusetts Bar Association

Member

Chair of Health Law Section Council (2018 - 2020)

Vice Chair of Health Law Section Council (2016 - 2018)

Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International

Rhode Island Bar Association

Rhode Island Women's Bar Association

Journal on Emerging Issues in Litigation

Editorial Board of Advisors, Drone Technology

American Heart Association

Southern New England Board of Directors, Leadership Development Chair

Go Red for Women, 2025 Luncheon Co-Chair

Wellbeing Action for Youth

Advisory Board

Women's Fund of Rhode Island

Rhode Island Hospital Foundation

Board of Governors

Roger Williams University School of Law

Pro Bono Collaborative Advisory Board