

Data, Privacy and Security

King & Spalding's Data, Privacy and Security (DPS) team counsels clients on a broad range of legal issues faced by multinational organizations, including global privacy programs, data protection and cybersecurity assessments, crisis management in responding to internal and external privacy and data security incidents, health information governance and compliance, and defending clients in regulatory enforcement proceedings and class action litigation. The team consists of "boots on the ground" crisis managers, technical professionals, former government lawyers, and litigators to manage and coordinate fast-moving and complex investigations and logistics during and after an incident. We assist clients with preparing for, responding to, and recovering from data privacy and security incidents.

The King & Spalding DPS practice is best known for:

- Experienced crisis and security incident response managers;
- Former government lawyers who balance the demands of cooperating with law enforcement, responding to regulator investigations, and vigorously defending enforcement actions when necessary;
- Bona fide trial attorneys with track records of successfully defending data breach and privacy class actions and litigation; and
- Seasoned counselors and technical professionals who apply the "real world" to data privacy and cybersecurity governance.

Cases & Deals

February 14, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Victory for Home Depot and The Gap in U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Case Study: E-Discovery Counsel for a Large International Manufacturer

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Capability Lawyers



Phyllis B. Sumner
Atlanta



Charly Helleputte
Brussels



Robert J. Hudock
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Kim Roberts
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Jarno Vanto
New York

Recognition

Ranked in "Cyber Law"

LEGAL 500, 2020

Named Phyllis Sumner and Robert Hudock to its "Incident Response 30"

CYBERSECURITY DOCKET, 2020

Insights

NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2026

Data, Privacy & Security Practice Report – March 2026

CLIENT ALERT

March 16, 2026

Federal and State Lawmakers Take Aim at Surveillance Pricing Practices

CLIENT ALERT

March 3, 2026

COPPA Meets Reality: The FTC Signals a New Approach to Age Verification

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

May 22, 2026

Zach McEntyre to Speak at The University of Texas Law School's 39th Annual Technology Law Conference

CONFERENCE

April 8, 2026

Annual California Life Sciences Summit

WEBINAR

March 10, 2026

Can the EU Deliver On Its (Privacy) Simplification Agenda? A Practitioners' Views

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News

IN THE NEWS

April 1, 2026

Jarno Vanto explains the risks of AI-powered transcription tools

IN THE NEWS

March 21, 2026

Amy Hitchcock, Ehren Halse, Alicia O'Brien, McGregor Scott, Nicholas Kump and Alison Walter's client alert is referenced in a profile discussing Walmart customers' concerns regarding the implementation of AI-driven digital price labels and recent pricing adjustments

IN THE NEWS

March 3, 2026

Litigation partners LeElle Slifer, John Sullivan, and Katrina Eash have joined the firm's Business Litigation group in Dallas, following the recent addition of seven other partners in the office. Since the beginning of 2026, the firm has added 27 new partners firmwide, including 10 in Dallas.

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