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Practice Areas

Class Actions

Crisis Management

Data Strategy, Privacy and Security

eCommerce Litigation

Government Relations

Land Use, Zoning, Real Property and Eminent Domain

Litigation

Technology Transactions

Education

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010

Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution, Business Editor, 2009-2010

The Ohio State University, B.S. B.A., *cum laude*, 2002

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

Chris is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation group. His practice focuses on privacy, data security and defending organizations in litigation and regulatory investigations arising from data security and privacy matters. He has helped numerous organizations navigate through data security incidents and the multitude of legal issues that arise. Chris counsels clients through payment card industry investigations, compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) and resolution of credit card companies' assessments. He also counsels clients through ransomware incidents and ransom payment considerations.

Chris also has significant experience working with clients to develop customized incident response plans and information security programs. He counsels clients on compliance with privacy laws and regulations, such as the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA). He frequently presents on a variety of topics related to privacy and data security to professional and industry associations.

Career highlights include:

- Serving as first-chair in jury trials in federal and state courts
- Representing clients in litigation where clients have been awarded over \$32 million
- Defending a nationwide grocery store chain in multi-state consumer class actions, regulatory inquiries and other matters arising out of data security incidents announced in the fall of 2014
- Successfully defending a bank against claims by a commercial customer that the bank was liable for unauthorized ACH transfers that occurred after a data breach

Chris is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and served as co-chair of the Columbus Chapter of the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Energy, Utilities, Oil and Gas

Restaurants, Food and Beverage

Retail and Consumer Products

Chris served as a legislative aide to Sen. Jeff Jacobson, president pro tempore of the Ohio Senate, for five years. He also externed for the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Supreme Court of Ohio.

Chris received his J.D. *cum laude* from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He received his B.S.B.A. *cum laude* in management information systems from The Ohio State University.

Honors & Recognitions

Columbus CEO, Best Lawyers, Information Technology, 2022

Professional and Community Activities

Chief Information Security Officers Executive Network, Host

Nationwide Children's Hospital Development Board

Leadership Columbus Class of 2020

International Association of Privacy Professionals Central Ohio Chapter, Past Co-Chair