



Kate Black

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About

Kate Black practices at the intersection of privacy, health technology, and cutting-edge innovation. She advises companies on managing legal risk associated with highly sensitive personal data, including health, genetic, biometric, and consumer information. She represents clients spanning biotechnology, life sciences, digital health, mobile medical applications, consumer health and wellness products, e-commerce, data analytics, and AI platforms that handle health information.

Kate works with companies to design privacy and data governance programs, evaluate new data uses and products, respond to regulatory inquiries and investigations, and negotiate complex data transfer and protection agreements. She has deep experience helping clients navigate HIPAA and HITECH, the FTC Act, CCPA/CPRA and other state comprehensive privacy laws, GDPR, Washington's My Health My Data Act, state health and biometric laws, and cybersecurity requirements.

Prior to working in private practice, Kate served as the first head of privacy and data protection at 23andMe, where she advised on privacy, data security, and law enforcement response issues.

Kate's government experience affords clients valuable perspective. Having served at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and advised the California Office of Health Information Integrity, she understands how regulators think and how policy is shaped. Her insights — further informed by her time at the Center for Democracy and Technology and internship at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy — enable her to anticipate regulatory trends and craft practical strategies that help organizations stay compliant while using data responsibly.

Drawing from experience in-house, in private practice, and in the nonprofit sector, Kate delivers guidance that is both pragmatic and forward-looking.

Honors

Ranked nationally as a leading practitioner in the Privacy & Data Security: Healthcare area by *Chambers USA* in 2026.

Recommended lawyer in Data Protection for San Francisco & Silicon Valley by The Legal 500 in 2026.

Ranked nationally as a leading practitioner in Cyber Law (including Data Privacy and Data Protection) by The Legal 500 in 2026.

Recognized as a Rising Star by Law360 in 2020.

Affiliations

International Association of Privacy Professionals, Privacy Bar Section Advisory Board Member, 2023-2024

Baptist Health of South Florida, Board of Trustees Member and Digital Innovation, and Cyber Committee Member, 2022-2025

Future of Privacy Forum, Health Working Group Lead, 2021-2022

Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), Member, 2017-2018

Golden Gate University School of Law, Adjunct Professor in Privacy & Technology Law, 2016-2018

Women in Security and Privacy, Board of Directors, Program Development, 2016-2017

International Association of Professionals, Member

Related Services

Healthcare Privacy and Data Innovation

Privacy and Information Security

Advertising Technology (AdTech)

Artificial Intelligence

California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)

Federal Trade Commission

Cybersecurity Counseling and Compliance

Dietary Supplements and Functional Foods

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Technology

Education

The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2011

Florida International University, B.S., 2008

Admissions

California