

Navigating the Complex Landscape of Privacy Law

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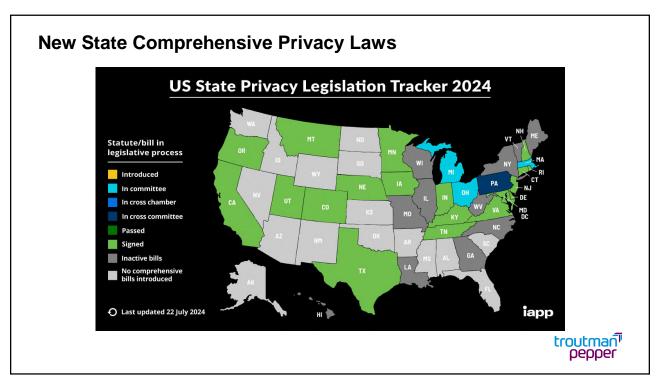
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#### **State Data Breach Notification Laws**

Utah now requires AG notification. (5/1/24)

Florida Adds biometric and geolocation information. (7/1/24) Texas AG shortened to 30 days. (9/1/23)

Pennsylvania adds online credentials, medical, and health insurance information. (5/2/23)





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# **New York Department of Financial Services**

- On November 1, 2023, New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the state's Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) has amended its Cybersecurity Regulations to "enhance cyber governance, mitigate risks, and protect New York businesses and consumers from cyber threats."
- According to the NYDFS, key changes in the regulations include:
  - enhanced governance requirements;
  - additional controls to prevent unauthorized access to information systems and mitigate the spread of an attack;
  - requirements for more regular risk assessments, as well as a more robust incident response plans;
  - updated notification requirements; and
  - updated direction for companies to invest in at least annual training and cybersecurity awareness programs that are relevant to their business model.
- The newly amended compliance requirements will take effect in phases.

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# Contracting & Vendor Agreements

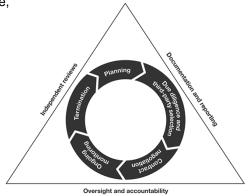
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# **Interagency Guidance on Third-Party Relationships**

- Planning (assess risk and complexity, strategic purpose, PII volume, etc.)
- **Due Diligence** (business strategy, financial condition, experience, insurance, etc.)
- **Contract** (performance metrics, ownership, liability, insurance, complaints, etc.)
- Ongoing Monitoring (quality control, escalation of issues, etc.)
- Termination (breach, alternatives, transition, data retention, etc.)



June 2023 Federal Bank Regulatory Agencies Guidance

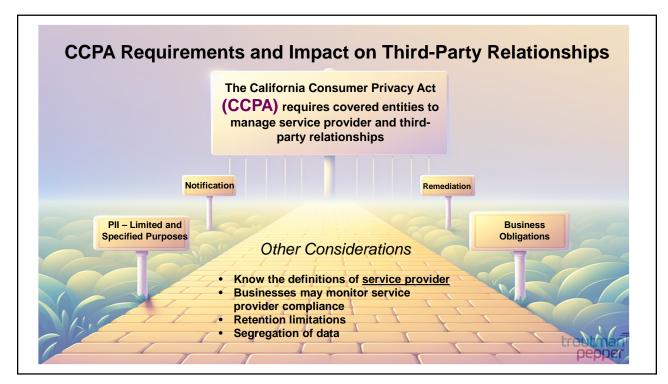


# **How to Manage Third-Party Service Provider Risks**

- There are several different ways to structure third-party service provider risk management processes.
- Important factors to consider:
  - Due diligence during the selection process
  - Contract protections
  - Periodic independent reviews, monitoring, audits, and corrective action
  - Managing subcontractors
  - Internal oversight and accountability (e.g., risk assessments, ownership, etc.)
- Overall, the establishment of a clear and thorough risk management process is crucial to assess and mitigate risk from third-party relationships.

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# **Current and Proposed Laws and Regulations for AI Governance**

#### **Current Laws and Regulations**

- US Sectoral Laws with Privacy Focus Financial (FCRA, FACT), Employment (ADA. EPA. Title VII), Health housing (HIPAA), Housing (FHA), Education, Insurance
- US State and Local Al Laws (Colorado Al Act, NYC Al Bias Law, Nevada)
- US Executive Orders and Acts\* National Al Initiative Act of 2020 (NAIIA)
- US Consumer Protection Laws FTC Act
- EU & UK GDPR & US State Privacy Laws Regulations of ADM and profiling
- EU Digital Strategy EU Al Act
- Chinese Regulations on AI 2021 Rec. Algos & 2022 Deep Synthesis

#### **Proposed and Pending Laws and Regulations**

- US Federal Laws <u>US Algorithmic Accountability Act</u>
   More US State Privacy Laws with AI in mind + <u>CA AB-311</u> & <u>CT SB 1103</u>
- Other International Laws Brazil draft regulation & Canada Al and Data Act



Overlapping obligations and considerations may require the simultaneous consideration of specific and conceptual requirements, and analysis of inputs, outputs, and outcomes



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# **Emerging Best Practices for AI Governance**

#### ΑI **Governance** and Key **Principles**

Data Governance **Understand &** Account

Data Governance Control

Data Governance **Security** 

**Risk** Assessments **Core Privacy** 

Risk **Assessment AI Focus** 

- Adopt Data Collection, Use and Sharing Principles
- Adopt an Al Risk Framework (e.g., NIST) & Policies
- Establish an Al Governance Committee\*
- Conduct and maintain dynamic data inventories and system maps
- Operationalize data lineage and hygiene controls
- Adopt and adhere to data retention and deletion policies
- IP/Scraping, Bias and Privacy Guidelines
- Standard Rate Limiters to Detect Data Extraction
- Robot Exclusion Protocol (robots,txt) to protect WCG content
- Encryption at rest and in motion, heightened access controls, more complex passwords, enhanced log

monitoring

- **Privacy Threshold** Assessment (PTA) **Data Protection**
- Impact Assessments (DPIAs)
- Vendor Risk Assessments
- Targeted Assessments & Al Specific . Assessments
- Third-Party Bias Review of Ingest and Output

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# **Emerging Best Practices – Commercial & Operational**

## Marketing & **Commercial**

# **Terms**

#### Marketing & **Commercial Terms**

#### **Training and Awareness**

#### Regulatory Readiness

- · Don't promise or market "AI" before conducting the assessments described.
- Ensure your commercial Terms clearly spell out roles, responsibilities, assumptions and accountability for personal information and AI 14 risk
- Enable your sales team with documentation/ product compliance sheets
- Ensure product documentation that accompanies sold products meets regulatory disclosure requirements
- Enhance compliance training to address Al use for internal (productivity) and product development purposes
- Develop job aids and guidelines for roles
- Stay abreast of legislation and ensure your story is supported by your internal diligence

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# Litigation and Regulatory Issues on the Rise!

#### Regulatory

- International Focus for years
- New Comprehensive state laws
- New focused state laws (health care information)
- New FTC focus (sensitive data sharing—health care again?)

### Litigation

- Wiretapping/Surveillence
- Invasion of Privacy
- Video Privacy Protection Act
- Confidential Medical Information Protections
- HIPAA

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# **Meta Pixel Litigation**

In re Meta Pixel Healthcare Litigation, (N.D. Cal.) and Alistair Stewart v. Advocate Aurora Health Inc., et al., (N.D. II.).

- Putative class actions alleging millions of patients had their medical privacy violated through use of tracking technologies used to track their actions with regard to patient portals and patient scheduling applications.
- Plaintiffs contend the Meta Pixel shares with Meta certain confidential medical information associated with their activities on patient portals used by medical providers.
- Claims: (a) violations of CIPA; (b) violations of CMIA; (c) Wiretap Act; (d) invasion of privacy; (e) breach of express and implied contract; (f) negligence; and (f) unjust enrichment.
- Defenses: (a) consent; (b) information is deidentified; (c) no intent; (d) medical information is filtered and not shared; (e) lack of ascertainability of class; (d) lack of commonality and typicality making class certification improper.



# **Video Privacy Protection Act**

- The Video Privacy Protection Act ("VPPA") is a federal statute that has its origin in the 1987 confirmation hearings concerning Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the United States Supreme Court.
- The VPPA prevents a "video tape service provider" from "knowingly" disclosing "personally identifiable information" about one of its consumers "to any person."
- The VPPA provides for liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,500 per violation and reasonable attorneys' fees. 18 U.S.C. §§ 2710(b) and 2710(c)(2).
- Being pursued on a class claims to challenge website providers who offer video content that utilizes pixel and cookie technology
  - Digital
  - Streaming companies
  - Social Media Companies
- · States have similar laws precluding sharing of video watching activities of an identifiable individual

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#### **State Surveillance Law Claims**

- Individuals are asserting claims under various state surveillance laws for the unlawful collection of information through use of tracking technologies.
- Theory entities are using tracking technologies to intercept, wire or electronic communications, in violation of applicable state surveillance law.
- State laws typically provide for a private right of action to recover liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and costs and injunctive relief.
- Defenses include: actual or implied consent, statute of limitations, lack of commonality and typicality.



# **California Information Privacy Act (CIPA)**

- Prohibits recording, monitoring, eavesdropping on a confidential communication.
- Anyone who "reads, or attempts to read, or to learn the contents" of a communication "without the
  consent of all parties to the communication" is in violation of CIPA.
- · Four elements:
  - Intentional act
  - Neither party consented to the act
  - The communication was confidential
  - An electronic device was used during the act
- CIPA provides for a \$5,000 per violation statutory penalty, with no requirement to prove actual damages.



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# **Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA)**

- Among other things, the CMIA (1) prohibits covered health care providers from disclosing medical information
  regarding a patient, enrollee, or subscriber without first obtaining authorization, and (2) requires covered health care
  providers that create, maintain, store or destroy medical information to do so in a manner that preserves the
  confidentiality of such information.
- Defines "medical information" as any individually identifiable information, in electronic or physical form, in possession
  of or derived from a provider of health care, health care service plan, pharmaceutical company, or contractor
  regarding a patient's medical history, mental or physical condition, or treatment. "Individually identifiable" means that
  the medical information includes or contains any element of personal identifying information sufficient to allow
  identification of the individual, such as the patient's name, address, electronic mail address, telephone number, or
  social security number, or other information that reveals the individual's identity.
- Damages
  - For negligently released confidential information or records, either or both nominal damages of \$1,000 and the amount of actual damages, if any, sustained by the patient. It shall not be necessary to prove that the plaintiff suffered or was threatened with actual damages to recovery nominal damages.
  - For knowingly and willfully disclosing or using medical information shall be liable for an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500 per violation.



# **Tracking Technologies Existing and Emerging Regulations**

#### **US State Laws:**

- California—Opt out of "sale" or "sharing for cross-contextual advertising"
  - Cross Contextual Advertising defined as targeting of ads to a consumer based on consumer's personal
    information obtained from the consumer's activities across businesses, distinctly-branded websites, apps, or
    services, other than the one with which the consumer is intentionally interacting.
- Other states—(CO, CT UT, and VA in 2023 with others to follow in 2024):
- Opt out of "Targeted Advertising" or automatic decision making/profiling in furtherance of decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects.
  - Targeted Advertising usually defined as: displaying ads to consumer where ad selection is based on personal data obtained or inferred from that consumer's activities over time and across nonaffiliated websites or aps to predict such consumers preferences or interests. Usually exceptions for contextual ads or ads on companies own properties.
- GPC and Sales
  - Most states also require opt-outs for "sale" of personal information, which can be narrowly defined as exchange for monetary consideration or broad to include any consideration or value.
  - CA and other states, including CO require that company's honor Global Privacy Controls

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