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Dorian Simmons is a senior associate on Alston & Bird's Privacy, Cyber & Data Security team. Dorian focuses his practice on matters involving data strategy and technology transactions. He has advised clients on a variety of data privacy and security issues, including the use of big data, digital advertising and marketing, compliance strategies, policy development and implementation, and data security preparedness and incident response. He has drafted and negotiated technology and data agreements, including those involving software licensing and access, data analytics licensing, and artificial intelligence.

Before becoming a lawyer, Dorian taught third and fourth grade in East Harlem, New York. He uses his skills as a former educator to advise clients through an evolving data privacy and security landscape and on the use of emerging technologies.

Dorian is a Certified Information Privacy Professional, United States (CIPP/US) and Europe (CIPP/E).

Representative Experience

- Advising a global insurance company on technology transactions involving data privacy and security issues, including those arising from artificial intelligence and data analytics.
- Advising a global social media company on U.S. data protection law compliance, including on issues related to notice, consent, service provider agreements, and consumer privacy rights requests.
- Drafted software licensing, software access, confidentiality, master service, and data processing agreements for a global biopharmaceutical company.
- Advising a global logistics company on data privacy issues related to digital advertising, marketing, and compliance with comprehensive privacy laws, including the CCPA/CPRA and GDPR.
- Represented a global insurance and financial services company in several security incidents involving multiple state attorney generals and insurance regulatory investigations.
- Advised a global technology service provider regarding a ransomware attack, including on issues related to privilege, ransom negotiations, law enforcement, and customer and crisis communications.
- Advising a global insurance company on data privacy issues related to compliance with GLBA and CCPA, including on issues related to data transfers, privacy notices, and consumer privacy rights requests.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “New Virginia Privacy Law Promises Big Impacts,” *The Computer & Internet Lawyer*, Wolters Kluwer, Vol. 38, No. 6, June 2021.

Presentations

- 2024 Privacy & Technology Law Forum, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, March 5–6, 2024.

Professional & Community Engagement

- International Association of Privacy Professionals (CIPP-US, CIPP-E), KnowledgeNet Atlanta, Young Privacy Professional (2024–present)
- Atlanta Bar Association, Privacy and Cybersecurity Law Section, chair (2022–present); vice chair (2020–2022)
- Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Fulton County advisory board

Education

- University of Pennsylvania (J.D., 2016)
- Hunter College (M.S. Ed., 2012)
- Georgetown University (B.A., 2010)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- New York