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PARTNER

John (He/Him) knows that good data practices mean a competitive advantage. He also knows how difficult it can be for businesses to understand and manage the complex laws that govern how they use and protect their data.

John brings to the firm over two decades of legal experience in the public and private sectors. Notably, he held a variety of positions with the federal government, where his work largely focused on high-profile privacy, cybersecurity, and technology issues.

During his time working for the U.S. Congress, he managed many high-profile hearings and investigations and served as a senior legal advisor to committee chairs in the House and the Senate. In these roles, he supervised the drafting of dozens of bills related to information technology, cybersecurity, privacy, telecommunications, and consumer protection, many of which were eventually adopted into law.

As chief privacy official of the Federal Communications Commission, John supervised the agency's compliance with all applicable information security and privacy laws. He prepared the agency's annual privacy impact assessment and worked closely with the agency's chief information officer and other senior leaders to make sure that good data practices were part of the agency's decision making.

John eventually moved to a product and privacy counsel job at a financial technology startup, where he worked with teams across the company to make informed decisions about how to use and secure personal information in its products. He was responsible for the company's public-facing disclosures and helped the company navigate the sometimes-tricky cybersecurity and privacy issues that arise during audits and contract negotiations.

At Amundsen Davis, the depth and breadth of John's experience in cybersecurity and data privacy allows him to advise companies of all sizes on sound data privacy practices. In doing so, he knows he is helping his clients distinguish

SERVICES

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.

University of Chicago, PhD

Diploma in Archivistica
Paleografia Latina e
Diplomatica

University of Chicago, M.A.

University of Virginia, B.A.

Certified Privacy Professional
(CIPP/G, CIPP/US, CIPP/E)

ADMISSIONS

Maryland

Washington, D.C.

LANGUAGES

Italian

Spanish

themselves by building trust with their employees, business partners, and consumers.

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Membership & Involvement

Member: International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP); Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA)

Firm News

Attorney John Williams Joins Amundsen Davis
Firm News, September 23, 2024

Alerts

New Consumer Privacy Requirements Under the Indiana Consumer Data Protection Act Are Here

Don't Mess With Texas: The Lone Star State Has Become a Leader in Data Privacy and AI Regulation

Is My U.S.-Based Company Subject to the GDPR? Clearing Up European Data Privacy Law Misinformation

Speaking Engagements

Cybersecurity Awareness Month Event: Safeguarding Against Deepfakes: How to Prevent and Respond to AI-Generated Cyberattacks
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, October 22, 2025

Cyber Risk Management: AI, Vendors, and the Data You Keep
Event, Amundsen Davis, Livestream, October 1, 2025

Two of the Biggest Threats to Your Company's Cybersecurity: The Cyber Hygiene Practices of Your Third-Party Service Providers and Your Employees
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, October 22, 2024

Searching for Compatible Uses in a Post-GDPR, Post-CCPA World
Speaking Engagement, International Association of Privacy Professionals; Security. Risk. Conference, September 2019

Published Works

Employee Security Training & Third-Party Vendor Review: Protect Your Organization From a Data Breach
Publication, *The Illinois Manufacturer*, Winter 2025

What does the CCPA's 'purpose limitation' mean for businesses?

Publication, *International Association of Privacy Professionals*, September 2020

Are IP addresses generated when users visit websites personal information?

Publication, *International Association of Privacy Professionals*, May 2020

Blog Posts

Bringing AI Out of the Shadows: How to Manage the Use of AI in Your Workplace

Labor & Employment Law Update, January 28, 2025

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