

## Jeffrey M. Dennis

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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Privacy & Data Security Law; Cybersecurity Law; Litigation; Insurance Law



Jeffrey M. Dennis is member of Buchalter's Privacy & Data Security and Litigation practice groups in the Firm's San Diego office. Mr. Dennis' practice covers issues from cybersecurity strategy to incident response and complex litigation. Mr. Dennis understands the importance of tailoring strategies to each individual client while also tackling the legal and regulatory challenges of this ever-evolving area of law. He brings a business-focused approach with clients and understands business interests often must come before legal needs. Mr. Dennis considers business principals and key participants to help companies advance past challenging times in a diligent manner.

Mr. Dennis served as the head of his previous firm's Privacy and Data Security practice. He is also a certified graduate of Harvard's Cybersecurity Risk Management program and holder of the esteemed Certified Information Privacy Professional/US Private Sector (CIPP/US) designation. Mr. Dennis has extensive knowledge and experience managing cybersecurity risk and uses this to advance his client's business interests. He leverages his expertise to conduct insurance policy review and placement within the cybersecurity insurance framework to address critical legal ramifications.

Mr. Dennis advises his clients on a number of national and international regulatory requirements, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRRA), the Colorado Privacy Act (CPA), the Virginia Consumer Data Protection Act (VCDPA), Utah's Consumer Privacy Act (UCPA), the Connecticut Data Privacy Act (CTDPA), the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK-GDPR) and Canada's Personal Information and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA).

Mr. Dennis has represented Fortune 500 companies in complex litigation, construction claims, and insurance disputes. He has negotiated settlements for his clients for a cumulative value in excess of \$100 million. Additionally, Mr. Dennis has experience in business litigation and has handled matters involving lease disputes, partnership disputes, employment, breach of contract, negligence and premises liability claims.

### Awards and Recognitions

- University of Southern California School of Law, Honors Moot Court Participant
- Selected to the Southern California Rising Star list by Super Lawyers, 2005 – 2011
- Selected to the Southern California Super Lawyer list by Super Lawyers, 2013 – 2018
- Selected to the The Best Lawyers in America® list by Best Lawyers® 2016– 2022
- Selected to the OC500 by Orange County Business Journal, 2016

### Representative Matters

- CCPA Compliance for World-Class Manufacturer: For a large multi-national corporation based in Georgia,

the firm represents its business units operating in California on compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act.

- Litigation Dissolves Development Partnership: The firm successfully resolved a contentious case involving a housing developer in San Diego. The building partnership came to a halt when its financial backer stopped paying construction costs.
- Winning Defense in Ransomware Attack: In a case involving a commercial developer, the firm successfully defended litigation involving a cyber-breach.
- Review cyber liability insurance and advise clients on salient gaps and overlaps in coverage: Review and analyze both existing and proposed cyber liability insurance products.

## Publications

- On the Ten Year Anniversary of the JOBS Act A Look-Back at the Development of Crowdfunding, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, May 2, 2022
- Substantial Increase in Cyber Crime in the FBI's 2020 Internet Crime Report, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 22, 2021
- Cybersecurity "Flash" Warning for Construction and Manufacturing Businesses, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 24, 2021
- California Attorney General Further Modifies the CCPA and California Privacy Rights Act Appears Likely to Pass this November, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 27, 2020
- If Passed, New Bill AB 2320 Will Mandate Cyber Insurance For State Government Contractors, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, September 2, 2020
- Wal-Mart Suffers Double Whammy From Data Breach Lawsuit Filed for CCPA Violations, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, July 30, 2020
- CCPA Regulations Now Incorporate Accessibility Requirements, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, June 17, 2020
- California Attorney General Submits Final CCPA Regulations, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, June 4, 2020
- The Coronavirus Pandemic Creates Increased Demand for Cyber Liability Insurance, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, May 28, 2020
- Privacy in Pandemic - Senators Announce COVID-19 Data Privacy Bill, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, May 8, 2020
- New California Privacy Rights Act Appears Headed for the November 2020 Ballot, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, May 7, 2020
- CCPA Regulation Update: Addressing Indirect Collection, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 30, 2020
- Social Engineering Scams Are On the Rise – Do I Have Insurance Coverage for That?, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 24, 2020
- CCPA Regulation Update: Managing a New Era of Loyalty Programs, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 22, 2020
- There's an (Almost) App for That: Coronavirus Contact Tracing with Privacy at the Core, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 21, 2020
- CCPA Regulation Update: Searching Offsite Physical Records, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 14, 2020
- Everyone's Working From Home Due to the Coronavirus – Is There Insurance Coverage for a Data Breach?, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 13, 2020
- CCPA Regulation Update: What Do Brick and Mortar Businesses Need to Know?, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 8, 2020

- Why Cyber Hygiene is Crucial: The Government is Now Using Cellphone Location Data to Track Movement, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 7, 2020
- The Coronavirus, Zoom Meetings and Now a CCPA Class Action, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, April 2, 2020
- Adding Another Digital Ball to Juggle: The SHIELD Act Now in Effect in New York, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 27, 2020
- Cyber Risks Associated with a Remote Workforce, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 26, 2020
- CCPA Class Action Lawsuits Are Coming. Are You Ready?, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 12, 2020
- Increase in Cyber-Attacks Disguised as Coronavirus Concerns, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 10, 2020
- SEC Recommendations to Protect Against Cybersecurity Threats, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, February 27, 2020
- 2020 Cyber Risk Outlook – What Construction Executives Should Know, *Construction Executive*, February 5, 2020
- Is Your Website Accessible and Are You Liable if it Isn't?, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, December 19, 2019
- AB-25: The Temporary CCPA Fix for Employers, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 17, 2019
- AB 1146 Amends CCPA So Businesses Can Honor Warranties, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 16, 2019
- AB 1355: What You Need to Know and Why It Matters For Your Business, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 16, 2019
- A Win for Online Businesses: AB 1564 Lifts CCPA Phone Number Requirements, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 9, 2019
- Data Brokers Beware! An Amendment to California's Consumer Privacy Act is Targeting You, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 3, 2019
- 140 Days Until the California Consumer Privacy Act Becomes Law – Why Aren't More Businesses Complying?, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, August 13, 2019
- FTC Hands Down 5 Billion Dollar Penalty to Facebook, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, July 29, 2019
- Conduct Business in Nevada? If so, be Aware that a New Nevada Law Gives Consumers the Right to Opt-Out of the Sale of Their Personal Information, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, June 17, 2019
- C-Suite Beware: Cyberattacks are Targeting Executives and Financial Departments Just Like You, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, June 7, 2019
- Supreme Court Raises Standing Issue for Privacy Settlement, Remands Google Privacy for Spokeo Consideration, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 19, 2019
- Supreme Court Raises Standing Issue for Privacy Settlement, Remands Google Privacy Case for Spokeo Consideration, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, March 19, 2019
- Shareholder Cyber Litigation: What Boards Must Know, *Daily Journal*, January 23, 2019
- 2019 Cyber Risk Outlook – What Construction Executives Should Know, *Construction Executive*, January 10, 2019
- Cybersecurity, Privacy and Everything in Between: How 2018 Has Changed the Landscape, *Westlaw*, December 11, 2018
- The Equifax Data Breach: Lessons Learned from a One-Year Look-Back, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, October 16, 2018
- 2018 Cyber Risk Outlook, *Construction Executive*, December 4, 2017

- Does Your U.S. Company Pull Data From European Citizens? Fall in Line with GDPR by May 2018 or Suffer Substantial Fines, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, November 15, 2017
- California Supreme Court Ruling Backs Developers, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, June 6, 2017
- Be Proactive Now: Commercial Construction Quickly Joining List of Industries Vulnerable to Cyber Attacks, *Newmeyer Dillion Client Alert*, June 5, 2017

### **Presentations**

- Speaker, "Raising the Bar on Cybersecurity Insurance," Insurance Journal Webinar, March 1, 2022
- Speaker, "Cyber Considerations for Drafting Business Contracts," October 1, 2021
- Speaker, "The Threat of Ransomware Continues to Grow," Association of Corporate Counsel Webinar, September 29, 2021
- Speaker, "State of the (Cyber) Union: Understanding 2021's Legal Landscape to Keep Your Company Protected," Association of Corporate Counsel Webinar, February 18, 2021
- Speaker, "Risks and Opportunities In This Disruptive Time," The Virtual Boardroom Meeting Q2 Edition, June 1, 2020
- Speaker, "The CCPA Has Arrived.....Now What?," February 1, 2020
- Speaker, "Recent California and Nevada Privacy / Cyber Legislation," July 1, 2019
- Speaker, "What a Mess: Complying with the New California Privacy and IoT Laws," June 1, 2019
- Speaker, "Understanding the Cyber Battlefield in 2019 and Beyond," March 1, 2019
- Speaker, "Managing Risk in the Cyber World – Smart Buildings and Classrooms," February 1, 2019
- Speaker, "Newmeyer Dillion's 2019 Builder Update," January 1, 2019
- Speaker, "Technology & Innovation Track: Managing Your Risk in the Cyber World," October 1, 2017
- Speaker, "And the Playing Field is not Level: New Twists in Cybersecurity for Law Firms and Their Clients," May 1, 2017
- Speaker, "Legal Developments in Cybersecurity," February 1, 2017

### **Education**

Mr. Dennis earned his J.D. from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law in 1997, and his B.A. from Occidental College in 1994.

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### **Bar Admissions**

- California

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

### **Community**

- Lecturer-in-Law, USC Gould School of Law, 2020-2022
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) – Certified CIPP/US Corporate Directors' Forum – San Diego
- Building Industry Association of Orange County and San Diego County Associated General Contractors

of California

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Orange County Bar Association