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MATTHEW D. LAWLESS is an associate in Taft's Cincinnati office, where he is a member of the firm's Cybersecurity & Data Privacy and Litigation Practice Groups. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) and Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM). He counsels start-up companies, banks, media companies, and other businesses regarding their data collection, retention, sharing, and security practices. Matt advises clients on GLB, COPPA, CAN-SPAM, HIPAA/HITECH, and the U.S./E.U. safeharbor among other state and federal privacy laws. He also reviews contractual agreements concerning data uses, privacy, and security, and assists clients with data security incidents. He focuses his litigation practice on cases in the federal district and appellate courts and on electronic discovery and related issues.

Matt also is a frequent contributor to Privacy and Data Security Insight, a blog providing updates and analysis in the privacy and data security space.

Before joining the firm, Matt clerked for the Honorable Richard A. Griffin on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the Honorable Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. on the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. He is a 2008 graduate of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*, was a Quarterfinalist in the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition, and received first prize in both the 2008 American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers Nathan Burkan Memorial Writing Competition for best student paper on copyright law at the law school and the 2007 UCLA Journal of Law & Technology Law Student Writing Competition.



Practice Groups:

Crisis Management, Technology, Private Equity and Venture Capital, Start-Up and Growth Companies, Litigation, Privacy and Data Security, Media and Privacy Law, E-Discovery, Appellate, Health and Life Sciences

Bar/Court Admissions:

Federal

6th Circuit Court of Appeals

State

Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts
(inactive status)

Year First Admitted to Practice Law:

2009

Education:

Indiana University Maurer School of Law - Bloomington (2008), Texas Tech University (M.A., Technical Communication) (2005), Michigan State University (B.A., English and Communication) (2001)

Certifications / Registrations:

Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM), Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US)



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