



## **Catherine M. Contino**

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### ***Service Focus***

- Privacy and Cyber
- Litigation and Trials
- Counseling and Advice

### ***Overview***

Katie Contino advises employers on cyber security and data privacy issues, bringing clients the benefit of her working knowledge of all 50 state and federal data breach notification laws, including HIPAA, GLBA, FERPA, BIPA, CCPA, and other states' consumer privacy laws. Katie's practice falls into three categories:

*Incident Response.* Katie has been a key member of the legal response team for hundreds of data privacy and information security matters occurring throughout the United States. Her experience in this area includes engagement of forensic experts to investigate and respond, but also communicating on the client's behalf with regulatory bodies, law enforcement agencies and other third parties while advising clients throughout an investigation. Katie also works with clients to prepare notification letters to be sent to affected individuals as required to various statutes. With this background, Katie can move quickly to advise and guide clients who suddenly find themselves facing data breach and ransomware emergencies.

*Compliance and Best Practices.* Advising clients on workplace data privacy and cyber security is another part of Katie's practice. In this work, she brings her litigation and breach response experience to bear on helping clients implement best practices to avoid incidents, and to comply with a wide range of data privacy statutes and regulations, including HIPAA, GLBA, FERPA, CCPA, BIPA, and other states' consumer privacy laws.

*Privacy and Cyber Litigation.* Katie defends companies in litigation, and has experience with defense of data breach class action matters, from the motion to dismiss stage to discovery and providing analyses for clients and carriers to assess a case for trial or resolution.

Prior to joining Fisher Phillips, Catherine worked on hundreds of data privacy and information security matters for a law firm in Pennsylvania that solely focuses on cybersecurity and data privacy. Prior to that she was an associate in the Litigation Department of a large general practice firm in Philadelphia, where she handled a wide array of litigation matters, including trying a case to a defense jury verdict in 2019.

As her first job out of law school, Katie served for a year as Judicial Law Clerk to The Honorable Thomas J. Shusted, Jr., of the New Jersey Superior Court – Special Civil Part, in Camden, New Jersey.

Outside of work, Katie is a cellist and member of the Board of Directors of the Main Line Symphony Orchestra, which has been performing in the western suburbs of Philadelphia for more than 75 years.

## ***Credentials***

### **Education**

- J.D., 2015, Villanova University School of Law
- B.A., 2012, Political Science, *cum laude*, Ohio State University
- B.A., 2012, History, *cum laude*, Ohio State University

### **Bar Admissions**

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- New York

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

## ***Affiliations***

### **Professional Activities**

- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Member, Philadelphia Bar Association, Labor & Employment Law Committee

- Member, American Bar Association, Labor & Employment Law Section
- International Association of Privacy Professionals

### **Community Activities**

- Main Line Symphony Orchestra, Cellist & Board of Directors Member