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TEAM CO-LEAD, **BIOMETRIC PRIVACY**

Daniel focuses his practice on issues relating to class action litigation, privacy law, information security, trade secrets and employment law.

Daniel is Team Co-Lead of the firm's Biometric Privacy Team. He has a robust practice in biometrics, data privacy and information security litigation and counseling, including matters related to the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act. He has first-chaired several high-profile class actions involving consumer and employee privacy issues related to a variety of different technologies. His privacy practice has touched on several industries, including manufacturing, logistics, information technology and software design, marketing, health and medical devices, food, entertainment, and retail. Daniel is a Certified Information Privacy Professional ("CIPP/US").

Daniel also represents clients nationwide in the realm of trade secret theft, non-competition and non-solicitation agreements, and breaches of fiduciary duties. He provides counseling to businesses on how to employ best practices and policies to better position themselves to litigate unfair competition claims. In addition, he helps companies conduct complex internal investigations regarding intellectual property theft, computer fraud, and unfair competition issues. Daniel is an active member of, and speaker for the Sedona Conference's Working Group 12 on Trade Secrets.

In 2008, Daniel graduated *magna cum laude* from The John Marshall Law School. During law school, he was the Executive Lead Articles Editor for *The John Marshall Law Review*. He also served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Chief Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald, Illinois Supreme Court, and for the Honorable Judge Ronald

A. Guzman, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois. Daniel was selected as one of the “40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch” by *Law Bulletin* in 2021.

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Colorado
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court - Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court of Southern District of Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Sedona Conference

Education

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BA
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, JD

Recognitions

- 2023–2024, listed in *IAM Patent 1000*
- 2022, Stand-out Lawyer – independently rated lawyers, listed by Thomson Reuters
- 2021, 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch, listed by *Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer*
- 2021, Rising Stars in Law, listed by *Crain's Chicago Business*
- 2014–2022, Illinois “Rising Star” in Business Litigation, listed by *Super Lawyers*
- 2020, Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting & Law, listed by *Crain's Chicago Business*

Professional Activities

- Illinois State Bar Association
 - Former Member, Board of Governors
 - Former Member, Scope & Correlations Subcommittee of Board of Governors
 - Former Chair, Standing Committee on Member Services

- Past CLE Coordinator, Privacy & Information Security Law Section
 - Former Chair, Standing Committee on Marketing & Communications
 - Former Chair, Special Committee on Membership
 - Former Chair, Standing Committee on Racial & Ethnic Minorities and the Law
 - Frequent CLE speaker
- Chicago Bar Association
 - Member
- American Bar Association
 - Member
 - The John Marshall Law School
 - Adjunct Coach for the VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Hong Kong (2017–present)
 - Alumni Association Board of Directors
- The Sedona Conference
 - Member, Working Group 11 – Data Privacy
 - Member, Working Group 12 – Trade Secrets
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) for Children
 - Former Board Member
 - Former Sponsorship Chair
- Just The Beginning Foundation
 - Former Board Member
 - Membership Chair, Associate Board; Board of Directors