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Industries

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Data, Digital Assets & Technology

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Data Application & Security

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Health Care

Health Care AI & Pharma

Bar Memberships

Washington, D.C.

Florida

Mason is a Partner in the Data, Digital Assets & Technology (DDAT) Practice Group, specific to the Data Security & Privacy service team. She is also a key member of the firm's AI and AI Governance team. With over fifteen years of experience as a lawyer and policy advocate in Washington, DC, she provides real world and actionable advice on privacy and data security matters, including legal compliance, policy and program development, and other issues at the intersection of privacy, security, and technology. As a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US and CIPP/E) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Mason has unique insight into the policymaking process and provides guidance that is practical, accomplishes the client's objectives, and that can be easily implemented.

Prior to joining FBT Gibbons, Mason served as the Chief Privacy Officer to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where she advised the Secretary of DHS, Deputy Secretary of DHS, heads of DHS agencies, and the National Security Council on privacy implications for national security and law enforcement initiatives. In this role, Mason developed and implemented policies and programs on the use of new and emerging technologies and personal data, including the use of artificial intelligence, commercial data, social media information, and privacy enhancing technologies in a transparent manner while enabling innovation and time sensitive operational needs, all while ensuring compliance with federal privacy law, policies, and guidance. Mason was also responsible for managing and remediating data privacy breaches and cybersecurity incidents involving personal data and oversaw DHS's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy, program, and training.

Prior to joining DHS, Mason held a variety of roles at the U.S. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB), an independent agency with a mission to ensure that efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with privacy and civil liberties. During her tenure, Mason's roles in the agency included Attorney-Advisor, Counselor to Board Member Ed Felten, and Acting Executive Director. She also served on a detail to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Office of the General Counsel, handling Freedom of Information Act and other civil litigation matters.

Mason's extensive legal knowledge extends beyond the public sector. She served as National Security and Privacy Counsel at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Rule of Law Counsel at the Constitution Project, and Research Associate at the Yale Law School Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, National Litigation Project.

Mason's deep knowledge of privacy law, combined with her experience in both advising government leaders and managing privacy programs, enables her to provide clients with informed, forward-thinking strategies to meet regulatory requirements and mitigate privacy risks.

Other Info About Mason

Experience

Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security

Acting Executive Director, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

Counsel to Board Member Ed Felten, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

Attorney Advisor, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

Associate General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

National Security and Privacy Counsel, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Rule of Law Counsel, The Constitution Project

Yale Law School, Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, National Litigation Project, Associate

Education

Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law; JD 2006

American University, Washington College of Law; LL.M. 2009

University of Central Florida; BA Legal Studies 2003

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court

Professional Affiliations

Future of Privacy Forum; Advisory Board Member

Technology Law & Security Program at American University, Washington School of Law; Senior Fellow

International Association of Privacy Professionals; Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US), Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E)

Civic Activities

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, Screening Committee Member 2008-2014

Firm Committees

Women's Initiative Committee, Office Representative

Presentations

"Securing the Future: AI Risk Safety and Security," ETA – Columbus AI Week, September 2025

"Navigating Privacy Compliance When AI Changes Everything", Redclover Advisors, August 2025

"Building AI Use Cases in Greater Cincinnati," ETA – Cincinnati AI Week, June 2025

"Panel on AI Safety, Cybersecurity & Trust: Navigating the Future of Safe AI," ETA – Nashville AI Week, May 2025

"The Convergence: Breaking Down the Old Silos of Privacy and Security," Privacy and Security Academy, May 2025

"Navigating Legal IP Rights and Publicity Issues in the Age of Deepfakes," ABA – Intellectual Property Law Section, May 2025

"Strategies for privacy in innovation: Protecting critical infrastructure, healthcare, and minors' data in the age of AI," PrivacyRules, April 2025

"AI and Bankruptcy: Navigating the Unknown," American Bankruptcy Institute, April 2025

"Global Data Privacy Day: Trends and Insights from East to West," PrivacyRules, January 2025

"AI in Data Security & Privacy," Lexology Masterclass Webinar Series, December 2024

Major Publications

"Failed Stopgap Funding Bill Puts Key Federal Cybersecurity Legislation in Jeopardy", Author, *The Wall Street Journal,* September 2025

"Take a Look Inside: Managing and Mitigating Insider Risk", Author, *Security Magazine,* August 2025

"GOP Defends Ban on State AI Laws Over Data-Privacy Concerns", Contributor, *The Wall Street Journal*, May 2025

"IT Trends with IT People: Navigating Privacy in the Modern Age With Mason Clutter", Author, *Afidence*, May 2025

"How to navigate privacy in a fragmented regulatory landscape", Quoted, *SecurityInfoWatch, April 2025*

"Top healthcare cybersecurity, privacy predictions for 2025," Quoted, *Healthtech Security,* December 2024

Featured Articles

AI Governance Across the Manufacturing Lifecycle: Facilitating Innovation Through Responsible AI Use

AI in Health Care: Litigation Risk, Governance, and the Path to Responsible Adoption

"Computers on Wheels": Key Takeaways from AutoConnect's Security & Privacy Frontiers Panel

Generative AI in Business and Law: Protecting Privilege in the Age of AI

At the Intersection of Manufacturing and Technology

Frost Brown Todd Partner Mason Clutter Quoted by The Wall Street Journal on Uncertainty Surrounding CISA

Take a Look Inside: Managing and Mitigating Insider Risk

Minnesota Consumer Data Privacy Act: What Businesses Need to Know

New Texas AI Law Affects Collection and Use of Biometric Identifiers

Privacy Legislation | July 2025 Update

Managing Data Security and Privacy Risks in Enterprise AI

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