

## Health Privacy (HIPAA) and Healthcare IT Practices and Industries

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Our lawyers have worked with hospitals, clinics, healthcare information technology companies, healthcare software providers and patient population management companies to draft and negotiate commercial software licenses, technology services agreements, software-as-a-service (SaaS) agreements, hosting arrangements, and business associate agreements. Our lawyers have worked with both Covered Entities and Business Associates to provide HIPAA privacy and data security compliance advice, as well as to review and negotiate data hosting and data management contracts. We have developed template policies, procedures, and training programs to help our clients comply with HIPAA/HITECH.

More than 720 breaches of unsecured protected health information affecting 500 or more individuals have been reported by healthcare entities. These breaches can occur because of the loss or theft of a single thumb drive or laptop, yet have serious legal and monetary consequences for the entity involved. Recent changes in HIPAA/HITECH laws have expanded the scope and liability of business associates and imposed further obligations on covered entities. Our lawyers can help clients navigate HIPAA/HITECH, state privacy and data security laws, including notification requirements.

The field of healthcare information technology transforms quickly as new technology and products are developed and adopted. We work with clients of all sizes to ensure they, their service providers, and their customers keep protected health information secure whether that information is contained in electronic health records, mobile device applications, or telemedicine applications.

We help clients meet their business goals by offering, acquiring, using, adopting and protecting new health information technology and software. Our team includes lawyers experienced in structuring and negotiating healthcare transactions as well as a large group of lawyers who specialize in IP litigation and counseling.