



Joelys G. Mendez

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Joelys Mendez assists clients in responding to cybersecurity incidents and breaches, establishing global data privacy compliance programs, and responding to state and federal regulatory investigations.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Joelys worked as global data privacy consultant at a business services firm, where she managed data privacy program implementations for clients across industries and gained first-hand experience at operationalizing compliance programs.

Joelys also has experience creating data privacy programs under federal and international law and across several industries including: business services, pharmaceutical/medical and hospitality. She also worked with clients to respond to regulatory inquiries and data privacy complaints under the GDPR.

As a native Spanish speaker, Joelys offers her services in Spanish and has experience building data privacy programs in Spanish as well.

During law school, Joelys gained in-house data privacy compliance experience, as a data privacy legal intern at a manufacturer of footwear, sports and casual apparel in Baltimore. In this role, she assisted the data privacy team in establishing their compliance program for the CCPA.

Compliance

Using her past experience as a data privacy consultant, Joelys continues to build privacy compliance services and helps create customized and easily understood programs for clients. Having the legal knowledge combined with the operational experience is an asset valuable to clients and colleagues alike.

Services

- Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
- Data Use & AI Governance

Sweepstakes, Breach Notification

Many of Joelys's compliance clients also run sweepstakes and her knowledge in both areas is an asset to them as she continues to enhance her experience and grow in this area of the law.

Education

- University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law (J.D., 2020)
 - Cybersecurity and Emergency Management Certification
- University of Florida (B.S. Criminology and Law, 2016)
 - cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Georgia

Court Admissions

- Fulton County Superior Court
- Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Georgia, Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Chapter Member

Languages

- French
- Spanish

Representative Matters

Advise and coach clients on data breach notification obligations after they experience a cyber incident.

Advise clients on sweepstakes liability and obligations under FTC guidelines and state law.

Audit a client's data privacy program to understand if there are any gaps for the purpose of strengthening compliance with the law.

Publications

January 2023

Wolters Kluwer Features Article by Mendez on Transatlantic Data Transfers

The Computer & Internet Lawyer