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Data Privacy Primer

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The Sedona Conference Working Group on Data Security & Privacy Liability (WG11) developed the *Data Privacy Primer* to provide a practical framework and guide to basic privacy issues in the United States, including identification of key privacy concepts in federal and state laws, regulations, and guidance. The main focus of the *Data Privacy Primer* is on privacy issues arising under civil rather than criminal law. The *Data Privacy Primer* addresses privacy as it exists, and intends to provide background and context for understanding and interpreting current privacy laws and requirements.

The *Data Privacy Primer* is organized into substantive sections of broad privacy categories:

- (1) Federal and State Governments
- (2) General Consumer Protection
- (3) Health
- (4) Financial
- (5) Workplace Privacy
- (6) Student Privacy

Within each of these sections, key U.S. federal and state laws, policies, and considerations from both a compliance and litigation perspective are detailed. Each section also includes a “side bar,” which summarizes the key points in each section.

The full text of The Sedona Conference *Data Privacy Primer*, January 2018, is available free for individual download from The Sedona Conference website at https://thesedonaconference.org/publication/The_Sedona_Conference_Data_Privacy_Primer.

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