



Karen Painter Randall

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Karen Painter Randall chairs the firm's Cybersecurity, Data Privacy and Incident Response Group. She is a national thought leader and has extensive experience advising clients on cyber risk mitigation and resiliency, privacy laws and regulations, and incident response.

Karen provides counsel across all industries and organizations on proactive measures to help identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from cyberattacks, focusing on ransomware, business email compromise, and insider and third-party attacks. She drives strategic solutions on how to safeguard a business's sensitive data, using security risk assessments, policies and procedures, security awareness training, incident response plans, tabletop exercises, and cyber liability insurance. Karen has handled hundreds of incident response matters each year since 2010 for carriers and uninsured businesses. She leads the response effort, working with the client and leading vendors to contain/eradicate the attack, managing crisis communications, evaluating legal, contractual/regulatory notification requirements, managing internal workforce messaging, and preparing consumer notification, effectively utilizing resources to reduce exposure. Karen's clients span multiple industries – financial services, healthcare, public entities, education, transportation, and retail, including lawyers and other licensed professionals.

In addition, Karen oversees Connell Foley's 24/7 Breach Response and Crisis Management Team, which provides immediate counsel designed for crisis management, preserving critical assets, mitigating harm to the business's reputation, and limiting legal liability. Post-breach representation also includes defense of class action litigation, regulatory enforcement actions, and investigations. The Connell Foley Team has been designated an authorized NetDiligence Breach Coach.

Karen received three presidential appointments to the American Bar Association's Cybersecurity Legal Task Force and was named the Task Force's Private Sector Liaison. She founded/chairs the New Jersey State Bar Association Cybersecurity Legal Task Force and Institute. Most recently, the New Jersey State Bar Association appointed her to the AI in the Law Task Force, as Co-Chair of the inaugural Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Committee, and member of the AI Committee. Additionally, Karen was selected by the University of South Carolina School of Law to lead its Cybersecurity Legal Task Force and serve as Director of its annual National Cybersecurity Institute. She also chairs the USLAW Network Cybersecurity and

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Data Privacy Group. Among her many honors, Karen has been named by NJBIZ as a “Leading Women in Business” honoree, a “Leader in Law” for Cybersecurity and a “Digi-Tech Innovator,” and by ROI-NJ to its “Influencers: Law” list for E-discovery/Cyber.