



CYBERSECURITY

[City of Hartford Hit with Ransomware Attack, Causing School Delay](#)

Cyber-attackers know that city and town officials have been gearing up for the start of school and the potential for remote learning, in-school or a hybrid model all summer. The daily monitoring of the coronavirus has kept officials alert and flexible as they focus on the start of school. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[ViSalus to Pay \\$925 Million Award for Alleged TCPA Violations](#)

Last month, an Oregon federal judge refused ViSalus' request to decrease the \$925 million jury award against it for its alleged violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). ViSalus, a health supplement maker, allegedly made approximately 1.8 million unsolicited robocalls. This award came after ViSalus decided not to settle the class action and face statutory damages between \$500 and \$1,500 per unwanted text or call. This jury award should be a warning to other companies whose strategy in these TCPA class action cases is to bypass settlement negotiations and argue at trial that the Constitution's due process clause should protect them from exposure to damage awards that are extensive and far-reaching beyond the harm actually incurred by the alleged conduct. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[New California Privacy Rights Act on the 2020 Ballot](#)

The California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA) recently qualified for the November 2020 ballot, and if California voters approve this initiative, the CPRA will expand the rights of California residents under the current (stringent) California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), beginning on January 1, 2023. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Portland City Council Bans Use of Facial Recognition Technology](#)

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On September 9, 2020, the Portland, Oregon City Council voted unanimously to ban the use of facial recognition technology by the city government, including the police department, following similar actions by the cities of Boston and San Francisco. According to one Council member, “[T]his technology just continues to exacerbate the over-criminalization of Black and brown people in our community.” The ordinance requires the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the Office of Equity and Human Rights to make sure that all city agencies are aware of the ordinance. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #251

[DOJ Charge Four Men with Defrauding Thousands of Senior Citizens in Mail Schemes](#)

This week’s privacy tip covers a recent mass-mailing scheme that targeted senior citizens and what they may want to be aware of so as not to fall victim to future fraudulent mailings. [Read more](#)



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