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Derisking your Website

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Agenda

Shifting privacy landscape

Signup / Consent

Americans with Disabilities Act

AdTech and Third-Party Tools

Do Not Sell/Global Privacy Control

Polling Question

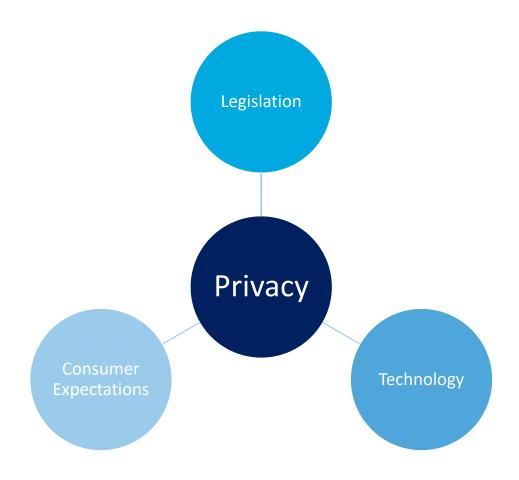
Are you:

- a) In-house counsel
- b) Law firm
- c) Government
- d) Student / Professor
- e) Business (non-lawyer)
- f) Other

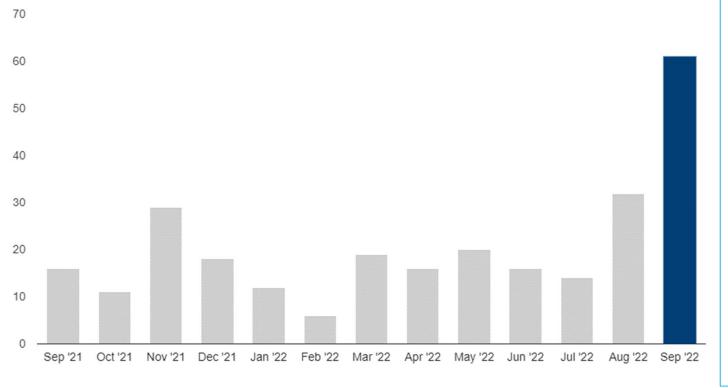
Polling Question

How long has your practice focused on Privacy?

- a) 0-1 year
- **b)** 1-2 years
- **c)** 3-5 years
- d) 5-10 years
- e) More than 10 years



US Privacy class actions



"Law.com Radar surfaced a major blitz of privacy class actions last month, with internet, media, retail, banking and health care companies all finding themselves in the crosshairs. More than 60 privacy cases were flagged by Radar in September, a volume that's about four times the typical monthly average. Notably, claims are no longer focused solely on the conduct of major technology companies: Digital privacy concerns are now driving litigation against a much wider array of defendants."

Law.com RADAR (Oct. 3, 2022)

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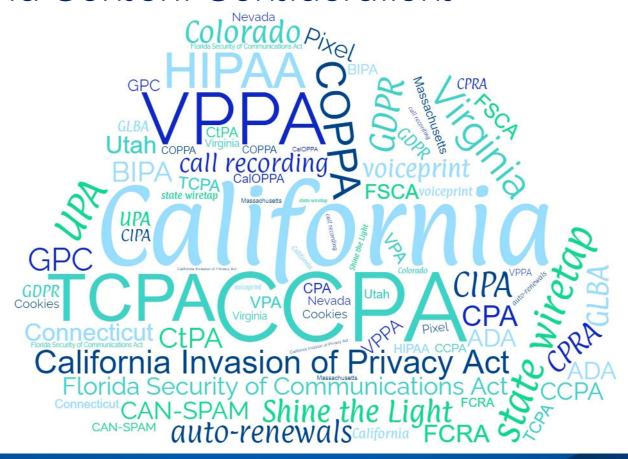
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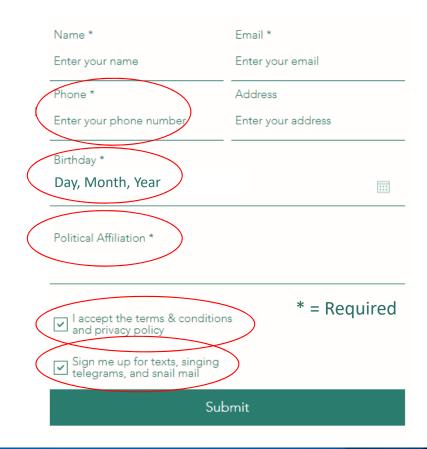
Customer Signup / Consents

Signup and Consent Considerations



What do you see...





Americans with Disabilities Act

ADA



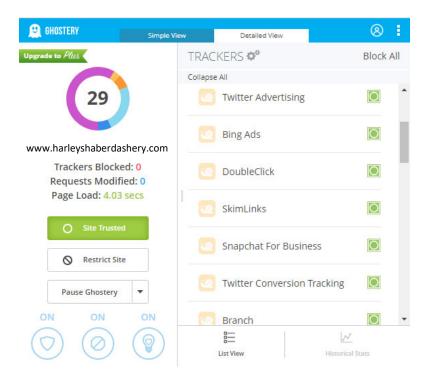
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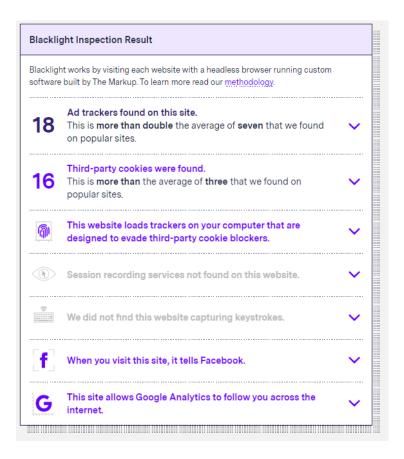
What's in the image?

Sad brown dog wearing a lion's mane

AdTech and Third-Party Tools

Your AdTech is not a secret





Session Replay Technology

What it does

- Software that tracks a user's activity such as mouse clicks, movements, possibly information entered into forms or chat
- Federal Wiretap Act makes it unlawful, in relevant part, for any person to "intentionally intercept [or] endeavor to intercept any electronic communication." 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(a)
- Approx. 15 state laws expand this protection with specific "all party consent" statutes

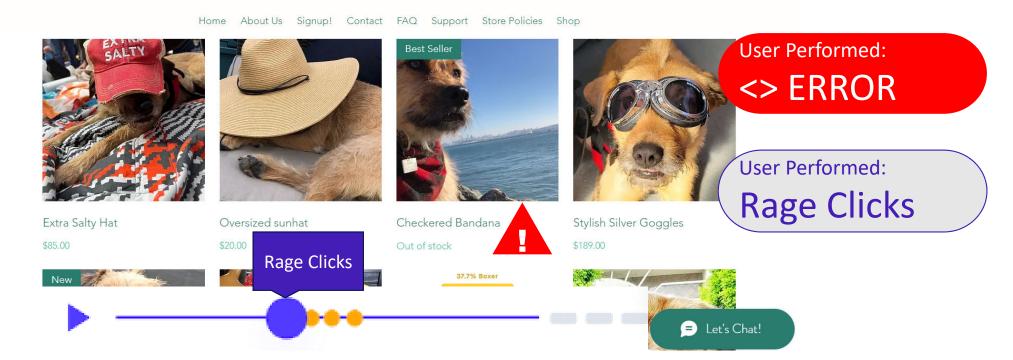
Wiretap Damages

- \$100 \$10,000 / violation
- California: \$5,000 / violation

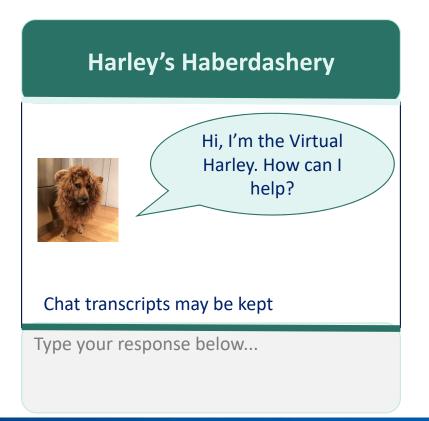
New applications of state wiretapping laws Harlov's Habardashery User Performed:

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Chatbots



- Latest iteration of state wiretap claims
- 50+ class action lawsuits filed in California since August
- Seek damages and explicit disclosure of "recording" on tool interface
- Defendants include healthcare, automotive, retail, etc.
- Now seeing tag-along claims in MA and PA

Meta Pixel

- Invisible code that sends information about website visitors back to Meta
 - Widely used analytics tool, gathers information about visits to a company's website
- Use of Meta pixel has led to class actions under several different laws
 - -Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA)
 - Invasion of privacy
 - -Wiretapping

Video Privacy Protection Act

- Enacted 1988
- Reaction to reporter obtaining information about Supreme Court nominee Judge Robert Bork's video rental history from video store
- Over 60 class actions filed this year against broad array of defendants based on Meta Pixel
 - Motions to dismiss pending in 15 cases
 - Denied or partially denied in 4 cases



Privacy claims stemming from healthcare providers' use of third-party tools



Healthcare Pixel Cases

- Key allegation: in using standard website marketing/analytics tools, healthcare entities are sharing website user data with Google, Facebook, etc.— who can identify users (even if providers cannot) —and without clear notification to users
- Particularly problematic in the healthcare context, but could be an issue in other sensitive areas as well (law firms, drug rehab, diet, dating, etc.)

Global Privacy Control & Do Not Sell



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- First Cal. AG settlement alleged that Sephora used tracking software on site and app, and violated the CCPA:
 - Failed to alert customers of the data being collecting and sold
 - Failed to process opt-out requests via user-enabled global privacy controls
 - Described service provider contracts as "not valid"
- Resulted in a \$1.2 million settlement and injunctive relief

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