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EXPERIENCE

Michael O'Brien is an associate in the Austin office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he advises companies of various sizes and maturity on privacy, cybersecurity, and data protection matters. Michael works closely with clients to help them address complex compliance risks and other challenges with respect to their collection, use, and other processing of data. As a transactional lawyer, he also has extensive experience advising clients on privacy, cybersecurity, and data protection matters in the context of mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs, securities offerings, strategic partnerships, data licensing arrangements, vendor agreements, and other types of corporate and commercial transactions.

Prior to joining the firm, Michael served as an in-house privacy and data security counsel for an energy efficiency company, where he managed all privacy and data security-related legal matters, including with respect to commercial negotiations, acquisitions, incident response, and compliance. During law school, he was a judicial extern to the Honorable Yvonne Gonzales Rogers of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The International Association of Privacy Professionals has designated Michael as a Certified Information Privacy Professional.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
Executive Development Editor, Hastings Business Law Journal
- B.A., Economics, Loyola University New Orleans

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Texas