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EXPERIENCE

Steve Schultze is an associate in the Washington, D.C., office, where he advises clients on a range of issues related to privacy, consumer protection, and cybersecurity. He counsels in the context of regulatory compliance, government investigations, transactions, go-to-market strategy, and litigation.

Steve regularly guides clients through the complexities of state, federal, and international laws like the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). He helps clients to develop robust privacy and security policies, and to respond to government investigations and other inquiries. Steve also helps companies navigate data breach incidents related to the private and public sectors. In addition, he maintains a robust pro bono practice, including advocacy in capital innocence cases.

Steve has a background in software development and launched a successful digital media start-up before attending law school. He then researched technology law and policy as a Fellow at Harvard's Berkman Klein Center, was Associate Director of the Center for Information Technology Policy at Princeton, and spent four years at the State Department running programs related to digital security and online freedom of expression and working on cross-government encryption policy. Steve also clerked for the Honorable Joshua Deahl on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He has published articles on legal liabilities of internet encryption systems, government liability for cross-border cyber attacks, and agencies' authority to enforce privacy, consumer protection, and antitrust violations.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
Magna Cum Laude
- M.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- B.A., Computer Science and Philosophy, Calvin College
With Honors

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- Virginia State Bar

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author with C. Olsen, “FTC Authority Under Siege: Monetary and Injunctive Relief at Risk in Courts as Congress Contemplates a Response,” *The Antitrust Source*, April 2021