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Overview

Jake focuses his practice on data privacy and cybersecurity, advising domestic and international companies on compliance, risk management, and technology transactions. He helps clients navigate an evolving and fragmented privacy landscape, mitigate regulatory risk, and implement scalable privacy frameworks across their organizations.

Jake's experience includes developing and implementing privacy compliance programs, drafting and negotiating technology and commercial agreements, and advising on regulatory requirements that affect both day-to-day operations and cross-border transactions. He also regularly conducts privacy and technology due diligence in M&A transactions and advises clients on the responsible implementation of artificial intelligence. He has worked across a variety of data-rich industries, including manufacturing, entertainment, technology and consumer products.

Prior to joining Benesch, Jake gained valuable experience advising clients at a mid-sized, full-service law firm serving Japanese- and European-based companies entering and operating in the United States. He also completed privacy-focused internships with Airbnb and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, providing him with a well-rounded perspective on how privacy requirements are developed, interpreted and applied in practice.

Clients value Jake's ability to understand the underlying drivers of their business objectives and help them accomplish those goals while managing legal and operational risk. He views data privacy as a strategic tool to support business growth in a thoughtful and risk-conscious way.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, 2024, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Harno Scholar (Semester Top 10%) - Fall 2022, Spring 2024
  - Dean's List - Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
  - Notes Editor, *Elder Law Journal*
  - CALI Award: International Business Transactions
  - Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Advocacy; Privacy Law
- University of Colorado, 2021, B.A., Political Science with Distinction
  - Minors in Leadership Studies and Business Studies
  - Scholar, Presidents Leadership Class

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E)
- Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional (AIGP)

Memberships

- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- British American Business Council (BABC)

News & Insights

- The Privacy Patchwork Grows: Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Vermont Join the Compliance Landscape
  October 12, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Dalton Powell and Jacob Bennett Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  July 30, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Connecticut Broadens Data Privacy Act Requirements Effective July 1, 2026
  June 3, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights