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Overview

Steven W. Tepler, CDPSE is a Partner and Chair of the Firm's Privacy and Cybersecurity practice group, as well as our Chief Cybersecurity Legal Officer. Steven focuses his practice on pro-active, preventive and remedial cybersecurity and privacy work for clients, as well as advising on potential class action and mass tort liability arising from security vulnerabilities and code defects in technology-enabled devices and services.

Steven is an ISACA Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE), who has been at the forefront of cybersecurity, data privacy and eDiscovery matters since 2000, and has extensive technology, blockchain and class action litigation experience. He also has deep hands-on experience stemming from his work to secure six cryptography patents, and his role leading a content authentication technology startup.

Steven is a leader in the field of data privacy and cybersecurity, who publishes the blog [Litigation Intelligence](#), and teaches Electronic Discovery and Cybersecurity Law at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law.

Professional Affiliations

Steven's professional affiliations include: Co-chair of the American Bar Association Information Security Committee; founding past co-chair of the ABA's Internet of Things Committee (2015-2017); founding past chair of the ABA's Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence Committee (2008-2015); past chair and founding member of the Florida Bar's eDiscovery and Digital Evidence Committee, which provided substantial drafting input to the 2012 electronic discovery amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure; and past chair and current member of the Standing Committee on Professional Ethics of the Florida Bar.

Publications

Steven's publications include:

- ["The Expanding Universe of Attorney Cyber Liability," *New Jersey Law Journal*, November 2024.](#)
- ["Navigating Cybersecurity Challenges in the Lending Industry," co-authored by Richard Simon and Steven Tepler, *The Secured Lender*, September 2024.](#)
- "The Two Faces of Innovation: From Safe and Dumb to Vulnerable Smart Products and Infrastructure," *ISSA Journal*, February 2018.
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- “A Practitioner’s Guide to Electronic Discovery Under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure,” Florida Business Litigation Manual, 8th Edition, Spring 2014.
- “Digital Evidence Life-Cycle Management: An Information Governance Approach to Information Security and Privacy: A Practical Guide for Global Executives, Lawyers, and Technologists,” (co-author) American Bar Association, February 2011.
- Foundations of Digital Evidence, Contributor, American Bar Association: 2008.
- “Life After Sarbanes-Oxley, The Merger of Information
- “Security and Accountability,” 45 Jurimetrics J. 379 American Bar Association/Arizona State University College of Law, September 2005.
- ANSI Trusted Timestamping Standard, co-author, American National Standards Institute: 2005.
- PKI Assessment Guidelines, (contributor) American Bar Association: 2001.
- Information Security Legal Manual, (contributor) “Information Security and the Law,” American Bar Association: 2004.

Areas of Practice

- [Privacy and Cybersecurity](#)
- [Emerging Markets](#)
- [Internet Law](#)

Admission

- New York
- New Jersey
- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- Florida

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 1980
- The City College of New York, B.A., 1977